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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Williams

SAC, Atlanta

December 13, 1956

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Although reports have been submitted to the Department on all citizens councils concerning which we have conducted investigations and inquiries to date, the Department has indicated the activities of these organizations do not fall within the purview of Executive Order 10450. In view of this fact, there is no basis upon which to base justification for further inquiry. Therefore, you are instructed to immediately discontinue inquiries concerning all citizens councils upon receipt of this letter. It is your responsibility to also immediately notify auxiliary offices of the discontinuance of the investigation.

In order that the Bureau may continue to carry out its responsibilities of keeping interested Government agencies informed of information of interest to them, you must continue your efforts to keep abreast of developments in order that the Bureau may be apprised of any situation which indicates a potential for violence. In obtaining information, however, absolutely no inquiries are to be made by you. You must secure the desired information through close scrutiny of the public press plus whatever information may be volunteered to you.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: See memo Belmont to Boardman, 12-13-56, FJB:CFW:gft, same caption.

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With respect to the use of confidential informants, I want it clearly understood that no informant is to be given any assignment in connection with obtaining information regarding the activities of citizens councils without prior Bureau authority. If you have a confidential informant already reporting on citizens councils matters you may continue to accept information volunteered by the informant but you must not give him any additional assignments in this field. If you feel it is necessary for some specific reason to continue an informant in a particular citizens council you must immediately advise the Bureau, together with the identity of the informant, his reliability and your assurance that continued operation of the informant will not result in any embarrassment to the Bureau.

Each office receiving copies of this letter must submit to the Bureau a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens councils in your respective territories. The first such letter is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by January 15, 1957, and each succeeding letter must be submitted to reach the Bureau by the fifteenth of each month. This summary, which shall consist of an original and seven copies, must be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and forwarded to the Bureau by cover letter. These summary memoranda and your cover letter must bear the caption "Citizens Councils, (name of field office)". Each of these summary memoranda must also be dated.

As in the past, information received concerning citizens councils which requires expeditious handling must not be delayed for inclusion in the monthly summary but must be furnished to the Bureau promptly by whatever means of communication is required by the nature of the information.

Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

This matter must receive your personal attention and it is your responsibility, insofar as is possible, to see to it that the Bureau will continue to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning potential violence to interested Government agencies.

With respect to the administrative handling of current cases, you should submit a closing report within 30 days from the date of this letter. This report should incorporate any information which has been obtained to date not previously reported. If there is very little information to be reported, you may at your discretion submit a closing letter. On the administrative page of the closing report or in the closing letter make reference to this letter in order that the administrative handling at the Seat of Government may be facilitated.

The fact that we are discontinuing our inquiries concerning citizens councils is not to be discussed or made known in any manner to anyone outside your own office. This includes your confidential informants.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1-9-57

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Enclosed with this letter is the original and 7 copies of a blank memo requested in Bulet to Atlanta, et al, captioned "CITIZENS COUNCILS; INTERNAL SECURITY - X", dated 12/13/56.

This office is also in receipt of Bureau airtel dated 12/19/56 in which Knoxville is requested to submit reports under the captions "TENNESSEE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS; INTERNAL SECURITY - X", "WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF TENNESSEE; INTERNAL SECURITY - X", and "TENNESSEE WHITE CITIZENS YOUTH COUNCIL; INTERNAL SECURITY - X". These reports have been submitted.

The above-described communication makes reference to Bureau letter dated 12-5-56 to Knoxville captioned "TENNESSEE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS; INTERNAL SECURITY - X", in which letter the Bureau instructed that separate cases be opened on White Citizens Councils in Campbell, Knox, Roane, and Anderson Counties.

Prior to the initiation of investigation under cases opened in these separate categories, the Knoxville Office received information to discontinue investigation of the White Citizens Councils. For that reason, no new cases were opened as instructed in Bulet of 12/5/56, no information concerning these Councils has been developed and, therefore, no reports are being submitted in those cases.

The report of SA RICHARD B. LAVIN dated 12/14/56 at Washington Field and captioned "WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF D.C., aka; INTERNAL SECURITY - X", contains information concerning addresses of additional White Citizens Councils within this territory as follows:

South Knoxville White Citizens Council
West Knoxville White Citizens Council
Dante Community White Citizens Council
Southeast White Citizens Council of Knoxville
Inskip Community White Citizens Council

No information concerning these Councils has been obtained by this office, and in view of recent instructions, no new cases are being opened and no report will be submitted concerning these Councils.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Knoxville, Tennessee
January 9, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

On 12-31-56, GLAD WOODWARD, Sheriff of Anderson County, Tennessee, advised that at approximately 10:00 PM on 12-28-56 Deputy Sheriffs assigned to his office at Clinton heard what sounded to be a dynamite blast in the area south of Clinton. He advised that they made inquiries attempting to locate the scene of the blast but were unable to locate it until the following morning. He advised that they then determined that a charge of dynamite had been detonated just outside a wall of a cement block building which was located just off Highway 25 and approximately one-half mile south of Clinton. The Sheriff stated that the building was unoccupied and that it has recently been rented by JOHN KASPER for the reported use as his state headquarters for the White Citizens Council.

Sheriff WOODWARD stated that the blast, which he estimated was caused by three sticks of dynamite, caused considerable damage to the build; and he was of the opinion that the building is not now suitable for occupancy. WOODWARD advised that while he was investigating the blast on the morning of 12-29-56, JOHN KASPER and [redacted] came to the building and indicated that they no longer desired to use the building for meetings. WOODWARD stated that he has determined that a White Citizens Council meeting was held in the building on the evening of the blast and that this meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 PM. b6 b7C

WOODWARD advised that he has no suspects in connection with the blast but is considering it a possibility that the blast was set by members of the White Citizens Council in order to avert suspicion from them in connection with several other dynamite blasts which have occurred in Anderson County in recent weeks.

WOODWARD and Clinton Chief of Police FRANCIS MOORE have indicated that the activities of the White Citizens Council at Clinton apparently have been curtailed by the arrest of the 16 persons who are now under bond to the Federal Court at Knoxville on a charge of Contempt of Court in connection with their activites arising out of the racial trouble at Clinton. Both men indicated that since these persons were arrested there have been no disturbances which they feel are attributable to the White Citizens Council.

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February 27, 1957

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Reurlet 2/14/57 which enclosed blank memoranda captioned "Citizens Councils, Knoxville, Tennessee," dated 2/14/57.

You should make arrangements to discreetly obtain two copies of each future issue of the publication "The Clinton-Knox County Stars and Bars" on a regular basis. You should also discreetly obtain two copies of each back issue of this publication. All issues of the publication should be forwarded to the Bureau by routing slip marked to the attention of the Central Research Section. Number 1, Volume 1, is dated Friday, February 8, 1957, and carries the addresses of Box 59, Clinton, Tennessee, and Box 1323, Knoxville, Tennessee. The price is five cents per single copy.

The above publication should be handled according to the instructions contained in SAC Letter No. 56-37 dated 7/3/56.

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NOTE: Mr. [redacted] Internal Security Section, advised he would like to receive two copies of the above publication on a regular basis, and would also like back issues. One copy of "The Clinton-Knox County Stars and Bars" will be forwarded to the Department of Justice; the other will be filed in Publications. b6 b7C

The above publication describes itself as being a "nationalist attack newspaper serving East Tennessee." (105-34237-24-3)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/14/57

FROM : SAC, Knoxville

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Enclosed with this letter is the original and nine copies of a blank memorandum, requested in Bureau letter to Atlanta, etal, captioned "CITIZENS COUNCILS; INTERNAL SECURITY - X", dated 12/13/56.

Two extra copies of this memorandum have been designated for the Bureau inasmuch as the Tennessee White Citizens' Council (Anderson County, Tennessee) and the Knox County White Citizens' Council are mentioned. It is felt that the Bureau may have separate files on these two organizations; however, if such is the case the Bureau file numbers are unknown to this office.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Knoxville, Tennessee
February 14, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

An article appearing in the Knoxville News-Sentinel of 1/12/57 reports that an estimated 180 persons attended a joint meeting of the Anderson and Roane County White Citizens Councils at Ann's Cafe in Clinton, Tennessee, the previous night. The article identified CLYDE COOK as Chairman of the Anderson County group and indicated that COOK reported that JOHN KASPER, Executive Secretary of the state-wide White Citizens Council, had spoken at the meeting. The article states that in addition to resolutions on segregation the group adopted a resolution demanding fluorides be kept out of the Clinton water supply.

An article appearing in the Knoxville Journal of 1/22/57 indicates that ASA E. (ACE) CARTER, White Citizens Council leader of Birmingham, Alabama, was scheduled to speak at a pro-segregation rally at 7:30 p.m., Friday (1/25/57) at the Golden Cross Hall, Emory Park, Knoxville. The article stated that the speech is to be sponsored by the Knox County White Citizens Council and it identified CARTER as Executive Secretary of the North Alabama White Citizens Council.

[redacted] Knoxville, furnished a mimeographed bulletin, which he stated was attached to cars parked near his church on 1/20/57. The bulletin states as follows: b6 b7C

"COMMUNISM IN THE PULPIT

Recent events have compelled [redacted] to reveal his true color as that of a Red hiding behind the cloak of religion. Through his Lawlessness and Disorder Committee he has become one of the chief agitators of the Communist social revolution in the Knoxville area. It now becomes clear that [redacted] and his comrades of the Knoxville Marxist Association are the real race-haters. The very concept of race is revolting to these misguided liberals who go about preaching the cult of equality.

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ENCLOSURE

Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

ONLY THE STUPID WILL FAIL TO REALIZE THAT IN NATURE THERE IS NO EQUALITY.

[redacted] and his pious brothers are not at all concerned about the vulgar animalism that is displayed by the native performers at the Chilhowee Park 'rock n roll' sessions for the benefit of our youth. They are not at all alarmed about the drinking parties and free love relations that go on both inside and outside the building at these jungle dances. No, these little affairs at Chilhowee Park are just good inter-racial fun. b6 b7C

HOW LONG WILL YOU GOOD CHRISTIAN PEOPLE ALLOW THIS WOLF IN SHEEPS CLOTHING TO LEAD YOU DOWN THE ROAD TO RACE SUICIDE? "

and bears the name of -- TENN. WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS, KNOX COUNTY DIV., P.O. BOX 1323, KNOXVILLE, TENN. at the bottom.

An article appearing in the Knoxville News-Sentinel of 1/26/57 described a meeting which was held the previous evening at the Wesley Hills' Bible Baptist Church, 2000 Sevier Avenue, Knoxville. The article states that approximately 100 persons attended the meeting, which was described as a White Citizens Council group. The article states that one member of the audience asked KASPER why he came to Tennessee to 'carpet bag'. The article states that some persons booed the questioner and, that KASPER took considerable time in answering the question. The article continues stating that KASPER then explained why he had employed a Negro girl to assist him in the operation of a book store.

On 1/27/57, [redacted] advised that during the preceding night someone had written the following on the outside walls of his church, "Welcome Comrade Witt, Niggers, Reds and Jews". [redacted] stated he felt sure that the writing was the work of the White Citizens Council, which has recently distributed literature concerning him. b6 b7C

An article appearing the Clinton Courier-News of 1/31/57 states that a building to house the headquarters of the Anderson County White Citizens Council will be constructed approximately one mile from Clinton on Highway 61 in the Clearview Community. This article indicates its source of information is Mrs. A. A. ANDERSON and

Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Mrs. W. C. SMITH, who indicated that they were members of the White Citizens Council. The article quotes Mrs. ANDERSON as saying CLYDE COOK has donated the acre of land on which the building will be erected. She described the building as being approximately 40 feet by 80 feet and it is anticipated it will cost $12,000.00 to construct. There will be a parking lot with facilities for accomodating 500 cars. The article states ground-breaking ceremony will be held on 2/1/57 and that JOHN KASPER will speak and participate in the ceremonies. These ladies stated that a planning meeting has been set for 1/31/57 at Ann's Cafe in Clinton and that JOHN KASPER will speak at this meeting.

An article appearing in the 2/9/57 edition of the Knoxville News-Sentinel states that JOHN KASPER and Rear Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN (Retired) of Wetumpka, Alabama, spoke at a meeting of the White Citizens Council at Clinton, Tennessee, on 2/8/57. The article described CROMMELIN as a three-time unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate, stating he warned of a "hidden force" attempting to subvert the country and he attacked prominent Americans as "left-wing stooges". The article stated approximately 180 persons attended the rally, that the audience cheered frequently as KASPER and CROMMELIN attacked Jews and politicians. The article states KASPER stated he was more "Jew conscious" than "Negro conscious" and that he praised poet EZRA POUND, an accused traitor, now committed to a mental hospital as a "genius" from whom he learned "the meaning of democracy and the Constitution".

On 2/11/57, [redacted] the Clinton Courier-News, advised he attended the White Citizens Council rally at Clinton on 2/8/57 and described the proceedings at the rally as follows: b6 b7C

"The meeting was opened with a prayer by Reverend [redacted] Following that, JOHN KASPER spoke at length concerning the dangers of adding fluoride to the water supply for the City of Clinton, that he referred to the fact that a new newspaper had been organized in Clinton, that he praised EZRA POUND, and that he stated the White Citizens Councils of Anderson and Knox Counties had published a newspaper. He stated he bought several copies of this latter publication and they were for sale at the meeting. KASPER also mentioned that a ten thousand car motorcade was being planned to travel to Nashville, Tennessee, from all parts of the State, where the persons forming

the motorcade would demand that the State Legislature appeal the compulsory attendance laws now in effect for the state-supported schools and they would demand that the state cut off state funds from any integrated school. He then introduced Rear Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN.

[redacted] advised CROMMELIN then stated he had at one time been one of the three men directly under the Secretary of Defense and that he had resigned that position because he was forced to furnish information to the American public which he knew to be false and fraudulent. He stated that the newspaper twisted his resignation to imply that he had resigned because he was reportedly against the production of long-range bombers. He stated such was not the case, that it was his policy to take the battle to the enemy, whether the enemy was external or internal. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised CROMMELIN attacked most of the political leaders over the past 20 years, that he criticized the handling of the Montgomery, Alabama, bus problem, stating the Supreme Court of the United States had ruled on that problem in three months rather than in two years, which he described as being the normal time for such a problem to reach the Supreme Court. CROMMELIN stated that three fourths of the Jews of the world are in the United States and he then delivered a tirade against the Jews.

CROMMELIN advised he had held several prominent positions, but he was unable to effect the necessary changes alone and he encouraged talking among the people concerning the problems which they felt were not being handled satisfactorily.

[redacted] stated CROMMELIN finished his remarks with a statement that it is possible that neither we nor our children would live to see it, but that a statue of JOHN KASPER would be erected in the Anderson County Court House lawn." b6 b7C

[redacted] stated he purchased one of the papers which KASPER indicated he had brought with him. He furnished a copy of the paper which is captioned "The Clinton-Knox County Stars and Bars" and describes itself as being a nationalist attack newspaper serving East Tennessee. The edition received is Number One, Volume One, and is dated Friday, February 8, 1957. It is a four page newspaper, which carries its addresses as Box 59, Clinton, Tennessee, and

Box 1323, Knoxville, Tennessee. The price is five cents per copy. The front page headline is as follows, "Tennessee Stays Segregated; White Citizens Council Proposals Saves State from 20th Century Carpet-Baggers". The second article on the front page identifies approximately fifteen residents of Knoxville, whom it identifies as race mongrelizers. The editorial section is devoted to attacks on HORACE WELLS, U. S. Attorney JOHN CRAWFORD, Clinton High School Principal D. J. BRITTAIN, Clinton Minister PAUL TURNER, and Oak Ridge resident JOHN ROY. This section also criticizes CLARE BOOTH LUCE, former Ambassador to Italy, for her letter praising HORACE WELLS, Editor of the Clinton Courier-News. The paper also attacks the proposal of adding fluorine to the Clinton water supply and describes a meeting of the Knox County White Citizens Council held 1/25/57 in Knoxville when JOHN KASPER, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee White Citizens Council, explained his association with a Negro in a New York City book store. The paper also contains a resolution offered by the Tennessee and Knox County White Citizens Councils to the State Legislature, resolving that Tennessee join other Southern states in the passage of an interposition resolution and whatever legislation may be necessary to maintain racial segregation.

[redacted] also furnished a copy of the newspaper which KASPER referred to as being recently organized in Clinton. This is the East Tennessee Reporter, dated 2/8/57. The editor and general manager is identified as LEO ELY, whose office is 369 Market Street, Clinton, Tennessee. This paper will be a weekly and will be published each Friday, according to [redacted]

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February 15, 1957

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CITIZENS COUNCILS, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, IS-X.

EX-106 Reurairtel February 11, 1957.

For the information of Birmingham and Mobile, Knoxville, in referenced airtel, advised that John Crommelin, Rear Admiral, United States Navy (Retired), of Wetumpka, Alabama, on the night of February 9, 1957, spoke to approximately 180 persons at a white citizens council rally in Clinton, Tennessee. During his speech Crommelin stated that he is a personal friend of John Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; that whenever he is in Washington he has lunch with Mr. Hoover; that all of his speeches are recorded; and that copies of all of his speeches are forwarded to Mr. Hoover.

For the information and future guidance of Knoxville, Birmingham, and Mobile, I do not personally know Crommelin.

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Crommelin, a retired rear admiral in U. S. Navy, is an ardent prose segregationist. His name has appeared in the press on numerous occasions in recent months in connection with statements made by him concerning segregation. He is a close friend of John Kasper, executive secretary of White Citizens' Councils of District of Columbia. He was defeated November, 1956, when he ran for the position of United States Senator from Alabama. Kasper aided Crommelin in his campaign.

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From SAC, KNOXVILLE

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

CITIZENS COUNCILS,
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

On this date [redacted] the [redacted] Courier News, a weekly newspaper printed at Clinton, Tenn. advised SA [redacted] that on 2/9/57, JOHN KASPER, Executive Secretary, Seaboard White Citizens Council, and Rear Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN (Retired), Wetumpka, Alabama, spoke to approximately 180 persons who had assembled at a White Citizens Council rally in the Anderson County Court [redacted] at Clinton, Tenn.

[redacted] advised that both KASPER and CROMMELIN delivered anti-integration, anti-Semitic talks and that their talks were preceded by a few remarks by [redacted] one of the subjects in the contempt of court proceedings now pending before the USDC at Knoxville.

[redacted] advised that CROMMELIN stated that he is a personal friend of JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that whenever he is in Washington he has lunch with Mr. HOOVER, that all of his speeches are recorded, and that copies of all of his speeches are forwarded to Mr. HOOVER.

[redacted] advised that a person who is unknown to him was operating two tape recorders during CROMMELIN's speech at Clinton.

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I don't personally know Crommelin

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/15/57

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

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One extra copy of this memorandum has been designated for the Bureau inasmuch as the Tennessee White Citizens Councils (Anderson County, Tennessee) is mentioned. It is felt that the Bureau has a separate file on this organization.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Knoxville, Tennessee
March 15, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

An article appearing in the February 4, 1957, edition of the Clinton Courier News, points out that considerable friction has developed within the ranks of the segregationist organizations in the Clinton area. The friction is attributed to Frederick John Kasper. The article quotes an official of the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government as saying that Kasper was not invited to participate in the segregationists "march on the Capitol" on February 12, 1957, and that he "should go back to Greenwich Village where he came from".

The article continues, stating that Kasper's newspaper, the Clinton-Knox County Stars and Bars, attacks John Roy, a director in the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government, calling him "a Judas-goat", and pointed out that this was "the animal used to lead cattle or swine into the slaughter and then jumps out the other side when the unwanted are safely in". The Clinton Courier News article states that the Clinton-Knox County Stars and Bars article also attacks Willard Till, first secretary of the White Citizens Council at Clinton, and states that he "unsuccessfully tried the same divisive tactics on the White Citizens Council in Anderson County but was frustrated".

The Clinton Courier News article, which is attributed to editor Horace V. Wells, Jr., quotes the writer's opinion as follows:

"The more you see of Kasper, the more you realize that all he wants is to be the 'leader' - and if he can't be the leader in the fight against Negroes, then he is willing

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to take on the Jews, or even fluoridation! Apparently you can name it and Kasper is against it!"

The article continues, discussing the statement made by Jack Kershaw concerning Kasper's being unwelcome in Tennessee, and states that Kasper advised one newspaper that Kershaw and the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government are guilty of wishful thinking in asking him to leave Tennessee, and he described Kershaw as a third rate political hack who is using segregation to advance his political fortunes. This article continues that Kasper claimed that he would never desert the Tennessee White Citizens Council or the white race in Tennessee until the outcome of the struggle is crystal clear and spells victory for the white man over the race mongrelizer.

[redacted] states that his paper had received numerous calls from persons in Anderson County who have advised that the Anderson County White Citizens Council has no connection whatsoever with Kasper. b6 b7C

The article continues that during the previous week only a few people were present at the delayed ground breaking for the proposed State headquarters for the White Citizens Council building and that on Friday night, February 8, 1957, only 180 persons were present at a joint Knox-Anderson County meeting when an out-of-state speaker and Kasper were scheduled on the program.

An article appearing in the Knoxville Journal of February 16, 1957, relates that the Knoxville and Anderson County White Citizens Councils are sponsoring a "mid-winter rabble rousing" at the Diehl Farm on Callahan Road at 2:30 p.m. the following day. The article states that John Kasper made the announcement and that he stated Bryant Bowles of Beaumont Texas, who, according to Kasper, was responsible for stopping integration of the schools at Milford, Delaware, is expected to speak. According to Kasper, BOWLES would talk on the subject "Public Strategy in Knoxville to Deal with Threatened Integration".

Kasper stated that the Council would consider supporting a resolution similar to the Georgia resolution which calls for impeachment of the justices of the United States Supreme Court and also discuss plans for a State-wide university.

An article appeared in the February 24, 1957, edition of the Knoxville News-Sentinel which attributes a statement to W. H. Till, Chairman of the White Citizens Council of Tennessee, in which Till stated that the organization which he headed has surrendered its charter. He pointed out that his group was separate from the group headed by John Kasper and that his organization will now join forces with the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government. Till stated that he never approved of "some of Kasper's tactics". He praised the Federation as an organization which "goes about its business of protecting the Constitution and other activities in a peaceful manner".

An article appeared in the February 28, 1957 edition of the Clinton Courier News relating that a Tennessee White Citizens Council meeting was held the previous Friday (February 22, 1957) at Ann's Cafe in Clinton. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m., however, the first persons arrived at approximately 7:45 and when the meeting started at 8:00 p.m. there were 18 persons present. Kasper explained the small crowd by saying that he had previously been scheduled to speak in Virginia but that his meeting in Virginia had been cancelled thus creating confusion in Clinton. Kasper was quoted as saying he would deliver a "major" address in Clinton at Ann's Cafe, on March 1, 1957, however, the article pointed out that the arrest orders which had been issued by the Federal Court at Knoxville may alter his stated plans. The article stated that details of the above-described meeting were not made available to the public.

A lengthy article in the March 1, 1957 edition of the East Tennessee Reporter is headlined, "Federal Court Increases Fear in Clinton". The article discusses the February 25, 1957 arrest of John Gates at Clinton, Tennessee, on a charge of contempt of court in connection with alleged activities on his part in interfering with integration of the Clinton High School and his reaction to this arrest. The article attributes the following statement to Gates - "Furthermore, I guess somebody has got it in for me because the White Citizens Council or the Federation for Constitutional Government has used my place to meet in".

An article appearing in the March 1, 1957 edition of the East Tennessee Reporter states that on March 1, 1957 at 7:30 p.m., John Kasper will address a meeting of the White Citizens Council to be held at the home of Marshall Jones.

The writer points out that Kasper was being sought by Georgia authorities under an amended injunction, and states that his speech will be an expose of the Anderson County School Board.

This article also points out that Clyde Cook, who was recently elected "White Citizen of the Year" by the White Citizens Council, Clinton Chapter, had been admitted to the Oak Ridge Hospital for a physical check-up.

[redacted] the Clinton Courier News, advised that a scheduled White Citizens Council meeting was held in the Anderson County Courthouse, Clinton, Tennessee, on March 11, 1957. [redacted] stated that he did not attend the meeting but noted that there were at least 100 persons in attendance and it was his opinion, from his observation of the license plates on cars near the meeting hall, that many of those present were from Knox County, Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, and Georgia. He stated that he was advised that some of the attorneys who will represent the defendants in the contempt of court trial in U. S. District Court at Knoxville, were present and that this trial was one of the main topics of discussion.

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[redacted] the Clinton Courier News, stated that he has been alert for additional copies of the Clinton-Knox County Stars and Bars and has never observed any copies after the copy which was distributed February 8, 1957 at Clinton. He advised that it is his understanding that this paper is published by Kasper and has no regular publication date. He felt that it is possible that there will be no additional editions.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237, Sub 24) DATE: 4/12/57

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-176[redacted]

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

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Enclosed with this letter ar[redacted] copies of a blank memorandum requested in Bulet [redacted]nta, et al, captioned "CITIZENS COUNCILS; IS - X," dated 12/13/56.

Two extra copies of this memorandum have been designated for the Bureau inasmuch as the memorandum describes meetings of the White Citizens Councils held in Anderson and Knox Counties and it is felt the Bureau has a separate file on each of these organizations.

By letter dated 2/27/57, the Bureau made reference to Knoxville letter dated 2/14/57 and the enclosure, "The Clinton-Knox County Stars and Bars." The Bureau requested that arrangements be made to discreetly obtain two copies of each future issue of this publication and that these copies be forwarded to the Bureau. The copy of this publication which was forwarded was obtained at Clinton, Tennessee, after a White Citizens Council meeting, at which copies were distributed by KASPER. Inquiries have revealed that only a limited number were distributed and that there has been no indication of additional issues of this publication.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to*
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Knoxville, Tennessee
April 12, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

An article appearing in the Clinton Courier News on 3/28/57 states that three racists spoke to the Anderson County White Citizens Council at Clinton, Tennessee, on 3/24/57. The speakers were identified as JOHN KASPER, Admiral JOHN COMMELIN, retired U. S. Navy, and BILL HENDRIX, "Grand Dragon of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

[redacted] the Clinton Courier News, advised that approximately 60 persons attended the meeting which KASPER opened, stating that he expected to be tried with the other defendants in the contempt of court case in the District Court at Knoxville and that he came back to Anderson County to "clear up my character." He introduced [redacted] of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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[redacted] then stated that he had invited KASPER to Florida and that KASPER was the victim of political prosecution for exercising his guaranteed right of freedom of speech. He pointed out that 50 per cent of the Florida population is Colored and he expects "real trouble" when attempts are made to integrate schools in Florida. He stated that KASPER's relationship with Negroes has been distorted, that the investigation made by the Legislative Committee in Florida concerning KASPER was a one-sided trial and that KASPER's early association with Negroes was attributable to his environment and that he has now "seen the light." He attacked civil rights legislation pending in Congress as being Communistic and inspired by the Jews. He stated that he and Florida are standing by KASPER. He described the NAACP as the most dangerous organization in the United States and he urged persons present not to disagree among themselves. He suggested that they do the opposite of what they thought they were expected to do and urged that they band together to prevent Negroes from entering schools and local politics.

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KASPER then stated that approximately one year ago he awoke to the Negro menace and introduced COMMELIN as being the first man in the South to openly fight Communists.

COMMELIN then stated that he came to Anderson County not to defend KASPER but to celebrate a victory. He stated that the curtain has been removed from the Communist conspiracy and that Judge TAYLOR has over-played his hand. COMMELIN recalled how he became acquainted with KASPER after being impressed by literature which he saw in the window of KASPER's Washington bookstore. He stated that he influenced KASPER to testify before a Congressional Committee which was holding hearings on a mental health bill. He stated that KASPER informed the committee that he knew the bill was sponsored by Jews. COMMELIN described KASPER as a man who cannot be bought. He then attacked HARRY DEXTER WHITE for giving engraved money plates to Russia in order that American money could be printed for the purpose of bankrupting the U. S. He stated he has talked to prominent attorneys concerning KASPER's conviction and that all of the attorneys have nothing but contempt for Judge TAYLOR. He stated he was informed by [redacted] that KASPER's case would be appealed to the Supreme Court if necessary. He, too, urged the assembled group to be active in local politics and not to be afraid to speak against integration. He suggested that the Anderson County White Citizens Council be called the John Gates White Citizens Council in honor of GATES who recently died in a mental hospital shortly after being taken into Federal custody on a contempt of court charge and suggested that when the members meet each other, they greet with the words "Remember JOHN GATES."

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An article appeared in the Knoxville Journal on 3/25/57 which stated that 50 to 60 persons attended a meeting at the Callahan Road on the Diehl farm on the afternoon of 3/24/57, and that KASPER, HENDRIX, and PETER XAVIER of Dayton, Ohio, talked.

An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past and who attended this meeting stated that KASPER was the first speaker and appeared to be in charge of the meeting. He stated that KASPER remarked that he could not say what he wanted to say because of his case pending in the Federal courts in this district. He continued, stating that he was being persecuted and prosecuted for his stand on segregation. He criticized the press, accusing them of lying about his statements. He stated that JOHN GATES should be considered a martyr.

KASPER urged the persons present to refrain from making direct statements pertaining to the injunction pending in Federal courts or from making any statements which could be interpreted as suggesting that anyone violate the injunction.

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Informant then stated that [redacted] TENN who was introduced as being from Dayton, Ohio, incited racial troubles in Ohio, discussed how he had been prosecuted. He stated that he had burned a cross and had been arrested but he indicated that additional crosses will be burned in Ohio in the future. SPOKE AT CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

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KASPER told the crowd that Attorney General BROWNELL has a niece who was married to a colored man by whom she has a baby. He stated that this fact explains BROWNELL's stand favoring integration. He then stated that many years ago a colored woman whose children were not permitted to attend college with white persons expressed the hope that some day she would have a descendant who would be a college graduate. He stated that her hope was fulfilled inasmuch as one of her descendants, DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER attained a college education. KASPER stated that IKE EISENHOWER "to our best knowledge at this time is one fourth Negro." The informant stated that KASPER then introduced [redacted] who made practically the same speech as the informant heard him make the previous evening at Clinton. [redacted]

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-24) DATE: 4/23/57

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet to Knoxville dated 4/17/57.

Enclosed are 10 copies of amended page 3 of blank memorandum, which takes the place of pages 3 and 4.

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c Mr. Williams

SAC, Knoxville (105-176) April 17, 1957

Director, FBI (105-34237-24)

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KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated April 12, 1957, with which you furnished copies of a blank memorandum.

On page three of the blank memorandum statements are attributed to John Kasper concerning the Attorney General's niece who married a Negro man and President Eisenhower who, according to Kasper, is one-fourth Negro.

You are instructed to resubmit an amended page three omitting paragraph three with exception of the last sentence.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Information concerning the Attorney General's niece has been received previously on several occasions. However, we have never disseminated this information to anyone other than the Attorney General himself. Statement concerning President Eisenhower being ¼ Negro has also been received previously and disseminated and, therefore, is being deleted from this memorandum.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237, Sub 24) DATE: 5/14/57

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Enclosed with this letter are nine copies of a blank memorandum requested in Bureau letter to Atlanta, et al, captioned "CITIZENS COUNCILS; IS - X," dated 12/13/56.

One extra copy of this memorandum has been designated for the Bureau inasmuch as the WCC of Anderson County is mentioned and it is felt that the Bureau has a separate file on this organization.

The source of information referred to in the enclosure is [redacted] who stated that he has recently [redacted] the letters mentioned by him.

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Knoxville, Tennessee
May 14, 1957

**CITIZENS COUNCILS**
**KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

Contacts with previously fruitful sources of information concerning this matter during the past month and examination of newspapers have failed to reveal any activity on the part of the White Citizens Council in this area since the submission of the last report.

On May 10, 1957, a source of information who is in a position to know about the activities of the WCC advised that recently many of the members of the Anderson County WCC have been contacted by mail by the Council officials and it is his opinion that the Council is planning some activity in the near future. He stated he has not discovered any hint as to what may be expected from the Council.

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Date: June 25, 1957

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCIL
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum dated June 14, 1957, prepared by the Knoxville Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

Enclosure

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1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)
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1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
William F. Tompkins (By Form 0-6, same date)

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
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# Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237, Sub. 24) DATE: 6/14/57

FROM : ~~SAC,~~ KNOXVILLE (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta et al 6/5/57.

Enclosed with this letter are nine copies of a blank memorandum pertaining to the captioned matter.

One extra copy of the memorandum has been designated for the Bureau inasmuch as the White Citizens Council of Knox County is mentioned and it is felt that the Bureau has a separate file on that organization.

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Knoxville, Tennessee
June 14, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCIL
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

An article appearing in the Knoxville Journal on 6/11/57, states that segregationist JOHN KASPER who identified himself as Executive Secretary of Tennessee White Citizens Council, appeared before the Knoxville School Board the previous night. The article states that KASPER was accompanied by some 15 persons whom he said were members of the Knox County Division of the Tennessee White Citizens Council. The article states that KASPER was the only one of the group to address the board, that he indicated he was there to obtain information but ended up by advising the board members to resign their positions in protest of any federal order to integrate the school system. The article stated that KASPER indicated to the board that he had seen in a local newspaper that the board had worked out eight ways to integrate.

He said "The board has done the thinking of the judge." According to the article he continued stating "We (members of TWCC), believe it would be better if Federal Judge TAYLOR ordered integration and gave you a plan." He also stated "We heard from a reliable source that the Knoxville schools would already be integrated except for the trouble at Clinton. I believe 95 per cent of the people are opposed to mixing of the races. If you will stand against it (integration) and resign in protest of any federal order, it could have the greatest possible effect on the state legislature. It might mean a special session. We are only interested in legal means and remedies. If you do not believe in mixing races and have the back bone you will resign in a body."

KASPER continued by stating that Clinton is far from a tranquil town and will remain restless as long as Negroes are in school. KASPER advised that those places which have been integrated with little trouble were integrated because of the "lack of leadership of the community which has always failed the people where integration has been affected. They have been thrown over by the politicians and leaders."

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KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

The article continued by stating that school board chairman ANDREW JOHNSON replied to KASPER as follows: "You talk about back bone or the lack of it, I believe it is cowardice to suggest that we resign. I have no intention of resigning simply because of the problem we have to face. I for one intend to uphold the law and as far as this board telling the court what to do we can not do it. We can present the facts as we know them and we can ask the court for help. That is what we intend to do. Many of the statements you have made are erroneous. This board has not presented anything to Judge TAYLOR."

The article states board members HOYLE CAMPBELL and ROBERT RAY endorsed JOHNSON's statement. The article stated that JOHNSON then suggested to KASPER that "If you have something constructive in this case, I suggest you take it to the court where it can be handled in a legal, proper manner." JOHNSON also stated "I hope you are sincere when you said you did not want violence. It seems to me from your recent experiences you would know that violence is not the right way to settle things.

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Date: June 26, 1957

~~To~~ From SAC, Knoxville (# 105-176 )

~~From~~ To Director, FBI (# 105-34237-24)
Attention: Central Research Section

Subject: Citizens Councils
Knoxville, Tennessee

Publication "The Clinton Knox County Stars and Bars"

( ) Advise Bureau re status of subscription.

( ) Not necessary to forward issues listed below:

( ) Forward following issues by routing slip:

Any additional info. re. publication above?

We have no indication that other than the first edition of the "Clinton Knox Co. Stars & Bars" was ever published.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (~~105-34327~~-Sub 24) DATE: 7/31/57

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-176) (REGISTERED MAIL)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCIL
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
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During the recent trial in the U. S. District Court, Knoxville, Tennessee at which several persons were convicted of contempt of court of charges arising out of their interference of the integration of Clinton High School. The U. S. Attorney at Knoxville was in possession of a list of the members of the Anderson County White Citizens' Council. This list had been in the possession of [redacted] of the Anderson County White Citizens' Council, and was subpoenaed by the Government. A copy of the membership list was made on a duplicating machine. This copy is now being retained in the 1-A section of Knoxville file 105-176.

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Inasmuch as no investigation concerning the White Citizens' Council is being conducted, the names are not being indexed and are not being reproduced for the Bureau unless specific instructions to do so are received from the Bureau.

The list contains approximately 500 names and addresses.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 10/21/57

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet to Atlanta 10/9/57, advising that steps should be taken to obtain the necessary coverage of Citizens Councils with respect to possible use of violence in connection with integration matters.

Each office receiving referenced communication was instructed to institute immediately a definite program in this regard. In order to obtain this coverage, the Knoxville Office has instituted a program of reviewing all files containing information pertaining to the Citizens Councils in this territory, which includes a review of the file in this office containing the investigation of the recent contempt of court order in connection with the integration of schools at Clinton, Tennessee. These files contain information regarding the location of certain Citizens Councils in the Knoxville territory; however, since this list may not be a complete picture, Agents in Resident Agencies and road territories are being alerted to furnish any information regarding the existence or possible organization of any Citizens Councils in their respective territories. These Agents have been instructed to use utmost discretion in making any inquiries and that no active inquiry should be conducted concerning such councils.

It is to be noted that there are no headquarters offices maintained by the Citizens Councils in this territory, according to information presently available. During the recent Clinton High School disturbances, there was an office of the White Citizens Council opened in Clinton; however, this office has been closed for some time. Based on information in the Knoxville files at this time, it is believed that coverage initially should include Knoxville, Chattanooga and Clinton, which are the only locations, according to the most recent information, where there have been councils organized.

It is planned that all files of this office concerning former confidential sources, security informants and

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panel sources will be reviewed to ascertain whether any of these individuals might be utilized in connection with coverage of instant matter.

All files of active security informants and sources will be reviewed to ascertain whether any of these informants could be utilized for coverage. In this connection, it is thought that possibly some of the active security informants furnishing information regarding Ku Klux Klan matters might also be in a position to furnish information regarding White Citizens Councils. The files of this office contain some information indicating that literature of White Citizens Councils has been exchanged with chapters of the Ku Klux Klan.

In the review of files of this office, particular attention will be paid to any information received from members of any minority group or persons who have openly expressed opposition to the use of violence in any form, who might be potential informants.

It is planned that previous sources of information concerning council activities will be re-established for the purpose of obtaining literature published or circulated by the councils and for any information which will keep the office informed of possible trends toward violence. In this connection, newspapers and other publications will be carefully followed for the same purpose.

A letter will be submitted by this office reflecting progress made within thirty days. Agents participating in this program have been carefully instructed that the Bureau is not investigating Citizens Councils and has no interest in the actions of Citizens Councils as such, and that no active inquiries should be conducted concerning such councils. They have also been instructed that no individuals should be contacted as a possible informant until Bureau authority is obtained and that no person should even be considered in connection with this matter unless he is completely trustworthy.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 11/22/57

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Re Bulet to AT 10/9/57, and KX letter to Director 10/21/57.

Information received by the Knoxville Office to date reflects that the activities of organizations of the "Citizens Council type" are at Chattanooga and Knoxville. There are two organizations located at Chattanooga known as the Tennessee Society to Maintain Segregation and the States Rights Council of Tennessee. In Knoxville there is functioning an organization known as Knox County White Citizens Council. There was previously in existance an organization known as the Anderson County White Citizens Council which had headquarters at Clinton, Tennessee, however, since the trial of JOHN KASPER et al, no recent information has been received indicating this organization is presently active.

Security informants [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] the Tennessee Society to Maintain Segregation and of the States Rights Council of Tennessee. They advised that they have [redacted] and have [redacted] and so far as they know they are [redacted] They report that these organizations have been very inactive since 11/56, and that the only activity since 11/56, has been an occasional open air speech sponsored by one or the other of these organizations. The most recent open air speech was held a few months ago in Cleveland, Tennessee, and it is interesting to know that both of these informants reported this information prior to the meeting. These informants are Klan informants and the plan for the open air meeting at Cleveland was announced at one of the Klan meetings at Chattanooga. [redacted] has

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advised that there has been so little activity by either organization that he does not know to [redacted] Both of these informants have been alerted to obtain any information of interest indicating violence on the part of either organization or the members. It is believed that future coverage of these organizations can be obtained by either of these two informants and as the organizations become active sufficient information can be obtained to aid in the development of additional informants.

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At Knoxville, Klan informant [redacted] advises that [redacted] the members of Knox County White Citizens Council and he had advised that he had made recent attempts to contact this person. This informant states that he will endeavor to obtain any information regarding the activities of this group. This informant advises that to his knowledge, the Council in Knoxville has not been very active and appears to be more of a paper organization. He advised he will endeavor to obtain additional information concerning the organization and the possibilities of obtaining membership therein.

The Knoxville Office has reviewed closed files pertaining to informants, panel sources and confidential sources but has not developed any good potentialities from this review to date for coverage of this Citizens Council. None of the organizations maintain any headquarter offices in the Knoxville territory and apparently the activity is conducted from the homes of the members or officers. Due to the lack of headquarter offices and public activity on the part of these organizations at this time, it would be difficult to place any cooperative individual in a position where he might reasonably get active in the organization. It is felt that the best results for obtaining coverage will be attained through the use of present Klan informants. Efforts are, therefore, being made to have these Klan informants obtain any background information and membership information concerning these organizations and the information so obtained will be used as a basis for developing informants who would be in a position to furnish necessary coverage.

The Bureau will be kept advised of the progress in this matter.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 12/27/57

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS - X

ReBulet to Atlanta dated 10/9/57 and Knoxville letter to Bureau 11/22/57.

As previously reported, investigation Knoxville indicates two organizations of "Citizens Council type" located Chattanooga, and this office has two Klan informants members thereof. They have reported no recent activity by either organization.

Information received reflects little activity of Knox County White Citizens Council as an active organization. Klan informant [redacted] advised that he has continued his efforts to secure an opportune contact with an acquaintance, whom he knows to be member of WCC. This informant states he will continue efforts to make contact for purposes of obtaining membership therein. b7D

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlets dated November 22, 1957, and December 27, 1957.

In relets you advised [redacted] and [redacted] and the [redacted] and [redacted] is attempting to become affiliated with the White Citizens Council of Knox County.

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The Bureau desires to be in a position to receive in advance information concerning contemplated acts of violence or violations of laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction on the part of citizens councils. Until such time as the informant coverage in these organizations is sufficient to assure the Bureau's receipt of such information your coverage is inadequate.

In the event you feel that the coverage afforded by these three informants is insufficient for the purpose stated above steps should be taken immediately to obtain additional informants and sources in these organizations.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Due to the Clinton, Tennessee, racial difficulty and inasmuch as information has been received indicating Klan organizations in the vicinity of Knoxville have resorted to violence it is thought that additional integration attempts will not be peaceful and, therefore, additional coverage is necessary in citizens council-type organizations.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-24) DATE: 1/24/58

FROM : SAC, Knoxville (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS - X

ReBulet to AT 10/9/57 and Bulet to KX 1/8/58.

No information has been received by the Knoxville Office reflecting any renewed activity of the Knox County White Citizens Council, which is reported to be the only functioning organization in Knoxville. It has previously been reported that there are two "Citizen Council type" of organizations located at Chattanooga, but that these organizations are not active. The two informants of this office [redacted] and who are also klan informants, have been instructed to keep in close touch with these organizations and immediately report any activity. b7D

Knoxville Office has an active klan informant who has been endeavoring to arrange a suitable contact with an individual in Knoxville whom the informant believes to be a member of the White Citizens Council. This informant stated he has not been successful in contacting this individual under favorable circumstances. As late as 1/22/58 this informant was questioned regarding his success in arranging a contact with this individual; however, informant advised he had been ill for the past week and had been unable to make his contact, but that he would do so in the immediate future. This informant will be closely followed until his contact is made and the possibilities of his securing information regarding the WCC is resolved.

Also, the Knoxville Office plans to develop panel sources who might be utilized in connection with WCC coverage and who might possibly develop into future SI'S. Preliminary investigation is now being made concerning two individuals for the purpose of obtaining the required information for submission to the Bureau and for Bureau's approval for contacting these individuals.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of the progress in this matter.

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Reurlet dated February 13, 1958, captioned "Citizens Councils, Knoxville Division, Internal Security - X, [redacted], Panel Source," in which you requested authority to contact [redacted] in connection with captioned matter.

In relet you advised [redacted] is not known to your office to be a member of a citizens council and it is not known if he would be willing to serve as a source.

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Inasmuch as [redacted] is in no position to furnish the type of information the Bureau desires in connection with citizens councils authority is denied to contact him at this time. If information is received that he is a member resubmit your request.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-24) DATE: 2/13/58

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE [redacted]

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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PANEL SOURCE

ReBulet to Atlanta 10/9/57.

Bureau authority is requested to contact the individual listed below under the program outlined in reflet.

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Knoxville.
3. [redacted] Tennessee.
4. This individual is not known to be a member of the Knox County White Citizens Council, Knoxville.

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This individual is a [redacted] of Tennessee. He was born [redacted] Tennessee and is a lifetime resident of Knoxville. He has previously been employed in the [redacted] of the [redacted] Tennessee, and for the past several years he has held his present position with the [redacted] and appears to be a mature individual. He is [redacted] and [redacted] His father is a [redacted] [redacted] having served with the [redacted] [redacted] He is a [redacted] one of the

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[redacted] the Knoxville Office. It is not known that he would be willing to act as a panel source of this office and attend any public meetings or demonstrations by instant organization; however, it is felt that he might be approached in this connection.

On 1/20/58, [redacted] Knoxville Retail Credit Bureau, Knoxville, advised his files contain no derogatory information regarding [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 1/20/58, [redacted] Knoxville Police Department, advised that the records of his office contain no arrest record for [redacted]

5. This individual is believed to be trustworthy. He has not furnished previous information to the Knoxville Office.

6. There is no information in the files of the Knoxville Office identifiable with [redacted] which might make a contact inadvisable. b6 b7C b7D

7. It is recommended that [redacted] be approached to ascertain if he would be willing to cooperate with the Bureau and act in the capacity of a panel source.

As the Bureau is aware, the Knox County White Citizens Council does not appear to be publicly functioning at this time and they maintain no office and have had no recent public meetings. It is believed that if [redacted] is developed as a panel source it would afford coverage to the Knoxville Office in the event this organization, in the future, becomes active and in the coming spring and summer months holds any public meetings.

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated February 13, 1958, captioned "Citizens Councils, Knoxville Division, Internal Security - X; [redacted] Panel Source," in which you requested authority to contact [redacted] for information concerning citizens councils.

In relet you advised it is not known if [redacted] is a member of the Knox County White Citizens Council. Likewise, you advised it is not known whether [redacted] might be willing to cooperate with the Bureau.

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In the event [redacted] is not a member of a citizens council he is in no position to furnish the type of information the Bureau desires in connection with these organizations and, therefore, authority is denied to contact him at this time. If it is subsequently determined that he is a member of a citizens council resubmit your request.

For your guidance the Bureau desires to have sources in citizens councils who at some future date when the need arises will be in a position to know what action is taken or contemplated by citizens councils in the event they resort to violence or take steps to circumvent existing court orders. Obviously if an individual is not a member of a citizens council he will not be in a position to furnish this type of information. It is suggested that in the future you select as a potential source an individual who is known to your office as a present or past member of one of these organizations.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-24) DATE: 2/13/58

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE [redacted]

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
KNOXVILLE DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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PANEL SOURCE

ReBulet to Atlanta 10/9/57.

Bureau authority is requested to contact the individual listed below under the program outlined in reflet.

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Knoxville
3. [redacted]

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4. It is not known that this individual is a member of the Knox County White Citizens Council.

This individual was born [redacted] Tennessee. He was [redacted] at the [redacted] which has been the [redacted] for the Knoxville office for [redacted]

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On 1/20/58, [redacted] Knoxville Retail Credit Association, advised that his files contain no derogatory information regarding [redacted]

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On 1/20/58, [redacted] Knoxville Police Department, advised that the files of his office contain no arrest record for [redacted]

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It is not known whether this individual might be willing to cooperate with the Bureau and act as a panel source; however, it is felt that based on his prior attitude and association with [redacted] he might be willing to cooperate in the capacity of a panel source. b7D

5. It is believed that this individual is trustworthy and indices of this office reflect that he has supplied information as an informant in an impersonation and interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicle case in the past. This information was believed to be accurate.

6. There is no information in the files of this office which would indicate that a contact would not be advisable.

7. It is recommended that [redacted] be approached to see if he would be willing to cooperate as a panel source.

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As the Bureau is aware, the Knox County White Citizens Council has not been publicly functioning as an organization and maintains no offices. It is felt that if [redacted] became a panel source he would give coverage to this office in the event the organization becomes active. Also, if approved as a panel source, coverage would be afforded this office of any public meetings or demonstrations this organization might hold in the spring or summer if it renews its activity.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-24) DATE: 2/24/58

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS - X

Re Bulet to Atlanta 10/9/57.

Since last report, there has been no information received indicating that the Knox County White Citizens Council is presently active in Knoxville. Informants who [redacted] organizations at Chattanooga furnished no information indicating these organizations are presently active. b7D

As previously pointed out, this office has an active Klan informant who has been endeavoring to contact an individual believed by him to be active in the White Citizens Council. He states that he is continuing to try to present a favorable opportunity where he can discuss the WCC with this individual but that due to illness and the pressure of business he has not been able to arrange a meeting with this person. He was last contacted 2/14/58, at which time he stated he had made numerous telephone calls to the individual's residence and had talked to one member of the family who had invited him to call again, but he has not been able to contact the individual personally. He stated he would continue his efforts in this regard.

Knoxville Office has submitted to the Bureau the names of two individuals as Panel Sources and has requested authority from the Bureau to contact these individuals to ascertain if they would cooperate as Bureau sources for coverage of any Council activity in the future.

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Bureau will be kept advised of progress in this matter.

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KNOXVILLE DIVISION
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Reurlet dated March 20, 1958.

Inasmuch as no investigation of the United White Party is being conducted and due to [redacted] credit and criminal record authority is denied to contact him concerning citizens councils or the United White Party.

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Of course, any information volunteered by [redacted] should be accepted by your office.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

United White Party claims to be a political group; however, many Klan and citizens council members are active participants in this group. The field has been instructed to conduct no inquiries concerning it in view of its quasi-political character. [redacted] who voluntarily contacted the Knoxville Office and indicated a willingness to join the United White Party, was arrested in 1951 for [redacted] and [redacted] in 1953 for [redacted] and in 1956 for fighting. He has been charged for 7 traffic offenses. Credit records show three accounts with loan companies had to be charged off to profit and loss and he has one repossession suit pending against him. [redacted] years old.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-24) (RM) DATE: 3/20/58

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE [redacted]

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS,
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On 3/19/58, [redacted] Avenue, Knoxville, telephonically contacted the Knoxville Office and advised an Agent that he had recently been approached by [redacted] of Knoxville regarding [redacted] joining the "United White Party", which [redacted] stated is successor to the "White Citizens Council" in this area. [redacted] said that [redacted] told him the United White Party was an organization formed to fight Jews and Communists. [redacted] stated that [redacted] remarked that JOHN KASPER had visited in his home on numerous occasions. [redacted] who is employed as [redacted] of Knoxville, requested that his identity not be revealed as the source of this information; however, during his conversation, he voluntarily indicated a willingness to join the United White Party to obtain information for the Bureau if his services were desired.

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The indices of the Knoxville Office contain no reference to [redacted] Records of the Knoxville Police Department, as furnished by [redacted] on 3/20/58, reflect that [redacted] white, male, born [redacted] has FBI [redacted] Knoxville [redacted] The Knoxville Police Department records reflect that he was arrested on [redacted] tried in Knox County Criminal Court on [redacted], and sentenced to 1 to 5 years for attempting to commit a felony. He was, however, paroled for three years. He was arrested for [redacted] and fined $5.00 on [redacted] and he was arrested for [redacted] which charge was dismissed on [redacted]. The records reflect that he also has been charged 7 times for traffic offenses. He was arrested on [redacted] and questioned concerning a [redacted] charge, but he was released on this occasion.

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Knoxville Credit Bureau records, as furnished on 3/20/58 by [redacted] reflect that [redacted] has been known to the Credit Bureau since 1954. His wife is reported to be [redacted] and former addresses were listed as [redacted] It was reported that he has been employed as a [redacted] for [redacted] and present employment by [redacted] Records reflect that he had three accounts with loan companies which had to be charged off to profit and loss and that he has one repossession suit pending against him by a local furniture company. Three accounts were rated as satisfactory, but his credit rating as a whole would be considered slow, according to [redacted] The credit record also reflected that he was reportedly fined $100.00 and cost in General Sessions Court of Knox County on 3/18/56, having been charged with reckless driving and speeding.

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The Bureau has previously instructed in letter to Knoxville, 12/4/57, and letter to Atlanta, 12/23/57, "UNITED WHITE PARTY; INTERNAL SECURITY - X", (Bufile 105-66233), that no investigation should be undertaken concerning the United White Party.

In Charlotte letter to Director, 2/11/58, entitled Citizens Councils; IS-X and United White Party; IS-X, (Bufile 105-34237; 105-66233), Charlotte Office reported that an informant advised that in a meeting sponsored by the Citizens Council of Louisville, Kentucky, at Louisville, 2/1/58, among those present was [redacted] of Knoxville. Informant reported that it was stated that [redacted] for the state of Tennessee for the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (or the National Ku Klux Klan). The National Ku Klux Klan appears to be a group in the organizational stage which [redacted] of South Carolina is attempting to form. Information concerning this group was set forth in Charlotte letter to Director, 11/25/57, entitled "NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN of SOUTH CAROLINA; IS-KLAN", (Bufile 105-64946).

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Investigation and inquiries made of informants in the Knoxville Division fail to reflect the existence of such an organization actively functioning in Knoxville.

[redacted] has in the past been reported as the Knox County White Citizen Council [redacted] however, inquiries to date by the Knoxville Office have failed to reflect that the White Citizens Council is presently functioning here as an organization.

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Permission is requested to interview [redacted] to obtain further facts in his possession regarding his solicitation by and conversation with [redacted] pertaining to the United White Party as a successor to the White Citizens Council in this area.

Bureau advice is also requested as to whether [redacted] if he is cooperative during personal interview, might be considered as a PSI and further background information obtained concerning him. It is to be noted that in this event he would obviously have to join the United White Party, a so-called political party, before he could obtain any information concerning Citizens Councils or the Klan organization of which [redacted] is alleged to be a member. b6 b7C b7D

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SAC, Knoxville (105-176) April 1, 1958

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INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Reurlet dated March 25, 1958.

In the last paragraph on page one of relet you advised there are two "plant" informants in citizens council-type organizations in Chattanooga. Previously you advised [redacted] Klan informants, have [redacted] organizations and it is presumed that the word "plant" should have been Klan.

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In the event "plant" is correct advise and furnish identities of the two informants referred to in reurlet.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-3423724)(RM) DATE: 3/25/58

FROM : SAC, Knoxville (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL
IS - X

ReBulet to Atlanta 10/9/57.

[redacted] advised an Agent of this office, orally, on 2/26/58 that he had been successful in contacting [redacted] of Knoxville, whom he thought to be active in the White Citizens Council. This informant has for some time been endeavoring to contact this individual and he stated he was successful in having a personal conversation with her on 2/24/58. Informant stated that this individual advised she was not a member of the White Citizens Council, although she had attended several meetings during the time JOHN KASPER was in this vicinity and during the latter disturbances in the Clinton High School. According to informant, this person stated that she is a good friend of [redacted] of Knoxville, who was formerly active in the White Citizens Council and that, to the best of her knowledge, the White Citizens Council is not active in the Knoxville area and is not holding meetings.

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[redacted] advised that the source of his information told him that she was interested in the "Whib Party".

The Memphis Office by airtel dated 1/22/58 advised the Bureau that the "Whib Party" has filed the necessary papers with the Secretary of State's Office in Nashville, Tenn., on 11/22/57 and that the Party's candidate for Governor of Tennessee will be [redacted] Bulet to Memphis dated 1/28/58 instructed that since the Whib Party is a bonafide political group, no investigation of this organization should be undertaken at this time.

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As previously reported, there are two plant informants members of two "citizen council type" organizations in Chattanooga and they reported no information indicating these organizations are active in Chattanooga.

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At the present time, the Knoxville Office has one case opened on an individual as a potential informant and by separate communication the Bureau had been requested for permission to interview this individual. Recently, he telephonically advised the Knoxville Office he had been asked to join the United White Party and that the person soliciting his membership stated that the United White Party was the successor to the White Citizens Council in that area. The Bureau has previous knowledge of the United White Party, Bufile 105-66233, and has instructed that no investigation should be undertaken concerning this party in that it appears to be a political party.

The Knoxville Office will continue its efforts to develop an informant who has in the past been a member of, or interested in, the White Citizens Council so that this office may be aware of any renewed activity on the part of this organization.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-24) DATE: 4/23/58

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL
KNOXVILLE DIVISION
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ReBulet to Atlanta 10/9/57.

As the Bureau is aware, this office has two Klan informants in the Chattanooga area who are members of two "Citizen Council type" organizations. These informants have been instructed to report any information concerning the renewal of activity by these organizations and, to date, they have reported no information reflecting the organizations are active.

There is no indication that there is any Citizens Council active in the Knoxville area at this time. This office has one informant, [redacted] a Klan informant, who has contacted an acquaintance in the position to be aware of any activity, and this person advised the informant that the White Citizen Council is not active and does not hold meetings. As recently as 3/29/58, [redacted] advised that this acquaintance informed him that she had mentioned the informant to her friend, [redacted] of Knoxville, who was formerly active in the WCC and that [redacted] expressed an interest in meeting informant. Informant stated that he recently met a former acquaintance in the Klan, who also advised him that [redacted] had expressed an interest in informant. [redacted] states that he does not know whether [redacted] interest might be centered toward Klan activity or WCC activity; however, informant states he will be alert to develop any information in the event he is contacted by [redacted]

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The Knoxville Office will continue its efforts to develop coverage so that in the event the WCC becomes active in the future in this division, coverage will be available.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 5/2/58

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet to Atlanta 4/15/58, requesting the Bureau be furnished with certain information regarding Klan informants and their suitability for affiliation with Citizens Councils.

1. [redacted] This informant is an established, paid informant, residing in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and regularly furnishes information regarding Klan activities. He [redacted] types of organizations. [redacted] however, it is reported that neither of these organizations are active at the present time. In the event these organizations again become active, it is believed this informant will be in a position to again become active, and in this event Bureau authorization for this activity will be requested. b7D

2. [redacted] This informant is an established, paid informant, residing in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and regularly furnishes information regarding Klan activities. He [redacted] types of organizations. [redacted] however, it is reported that neither of these organizations are active at the present time. In the event these organizations again become active, it is believed this informant will be in a position to again become active, and in this event Bureau authorization for this activity will be requested. b7D

3. [redacted] This is a paid informant who regularly furnishes information relative to Klan activities in Maryville, Tennessee. No information has been received indicating any b7D

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Citizen's Council type activity in this area. In the event of such activity, it is felt that this informant would be suitable for affiliation with such group, and, in this eventuality, recommendations will be made to the Bureau.

4. [redacted] This is an established informant in the Knoxville area, who is an [redacted] and a current [redacted] organization. This informant is acquainted with some persons who have previously been active in Citizen's Council type organizations. It has been reported there are no such organizations functioning in the Knoxville area at the present time. This informant has been thoroughly indoctrinated and it is believed he could become affiliated with, and furnish information concerning, such organizations if they should become active in the Knoxville area. In such event, additional data will be submitted to the Bureau and recommendations made. b7D

5. [redacted] This informant furnishes information concerning Klan activities in the LaFollette, Tennessee, area. There have been no indications that any Citizen's Council type organizations are presently active in this area. It is believed that if such activity should appear, this informant would be suited to affiliate with such group. If such information is received, recommendations will be made to the Bureau.

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6. [redacted] This is an approved Klan informant residing near Dayton, Tennessee, and regularly reporting Klan activity there. No information has been received that any Citizen's Council type organization has been active in this area. It is felt that in the event of such activity, this informant would be suitable for utilization in this regard, and in this event, recommendations will be made to the Bureau.

7. [redacted] This is an approved Klan informant in Clinton, Tennessee. There was formerly an organization known as the Anderson County White Citizens Council with headquarters at Clinton; however, this organization has not been active in some time. If this or similar type organizations become active, recommendations will be made to the Bureau as it is felt this informant would be suitable to affiliate with such organizations.

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8. [redacted] This is an approved PSI residing in Copperhill, Tennessee, who has furnished information re Klan activity in that area. No information has been received that there is any Citizen's Council type organization operating in this area.

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9. [redacted] This is an approved PSI who has furnished information regarding Klan activities in the Whitwell, Tennessee, area. No information has been received indicating any activity by a Citizen's Council type organization in this area.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-24) DATE: 5/29/58

FROM : SAC, Knoxville (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL
KNOXVILLE DIVISION
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ReBulet to Atlanta 10/9/57.

As the Bureau is aware, this office has two Klan informants in the Chattanooga, Tennessee, area [redacted] These informants have been instructed to report any information indicating a renewal of activity by these organizations. To date, they have reported no information indicating these organizations have re-activated. b7D

There is no indication there is any Citizens Council active in the Knoxville area at this time. [redacted] a Klan informant, has been in contact with an acquaintance, who is in a position to be aware of any activity; however, there have been no developments in this regard since Knoxville letter dated 4/23/58.

The Knoxville Office will continue its efforts to develop coverage so that in the event the WCC becomes active in this division in the future, coverage will be available.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-24) DATE: 6/25/58

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-176)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL
KNOXVILLE DIVISION
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ReBulets to Atlanta, 10/9/57 and 6/13/58.

The Bureau has previously been advised that the Knoxville Office has two Klan informants in Chattanooga, Tennessee, who [redacted] To date, informants have reported no indication that these organizations have renewed their activities, and at the present time they are in a dormant state. b7D

There is no information reflecting that there is any White Citizens Council active in the Knoxville area at the present. A Klan informant of this office, [redacted] has an acquaintance who is interested in such activities as Citizens Councils and who is in a position to be aware if these organizations were active. Informant states that this acquaintance advised that the organization is presently dormant.

As instructed in Bulet 6/13/58, efforts to develop informant coverage will be discontinued and the desired information concerning the organization will be sought through established sources, office contacts and from newspaper articles.

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Date: 7/17/62

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-New)

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CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA
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CITIZENS COUNCILS

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On 7/17/62, [redacted] Chattanooga, Tenn., [redacted] Hamilton County, Tenn., confidentially furnished the following information:

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[redacted] confidentially stated [redacted] and would not further elaborate on this statement. [redacted]

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The 1962 Chattanooga City Directory reflects [redacted] wife [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee. [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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[redacted] advised he was furnishing the above information to this office in the event inquiry was received from the U. S. Attorney General concerning this organization. He said Attorney General EDWARD DAVIS, Hamilton County, made the statement this morning at the law enforcement commissions meeting that he would wire the U. S. Attorney General this date concerning this organization.

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[redacted] desired that his name not be divulged, and stated he would make available a copy of the aforementioned announcement.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/3/62

FROM : SAC, Knoxville (157-153) (P)

SUBJECT: CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS
O CITIZENS COUNCIL
Re Knoxville letter to Bureau dated 8/2/62

For the information of New Orleans and Houston Divisions, Chattanooga Citizens Council is being formed at Chattanooga, Tennessee. The first organizational meeting was reportedly held June 25, 1962. One of the leaders of this organization is reported to be MEDFORD EVANS, Ph. D., who formerly taught English at the University of Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee, approximately 1942 to 1943, was reportedly later employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Information has been obtained that EVANS, in the early 1940's was a controversial figure, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and considered "left wing" type individual in those days, however, no specific information was obtained concerning the above characterization.

Informant reported EVANS to be the present editor of unknown newspaper in the State of Louisiana, name and city unknown. He is also reported to have been employed in the past as Dean of Men, McMurrary College, Aberdeen Texas.

Houston and New Orleans requested to check indices and sources re MEDFORD EVANS, contact racial informants and sources of information and furnish any pertinent information to Bureau and Knoxville.

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To: SAC, Knoxville (157-153)

From: Director, FBI (105-34237-24) REC-126 — 26

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RACIAL MATTERS

Reurlet 8/2/62, with accompanying letterhead memo.

Page one, paragraph two of letterhead memo indicates that the Chattanooga Citizens' Council stands for state rights and racial integration. It is believed that this should read racial segregation.

In addition, the letterhead memo submitted has to be resubmitted since numerous pages have blurred type and are unsuitable for dissemination.

You are reminded of the instructions set forth in Bureau letter to SAC, Atlanta and various other offices (copies to Knoxville) dated June 13, 1958, captioned "Citizens' Councils; Internal Security - X." That letter instructed offices receiving copies of the letter to discontinue all efforts to develop informant coverage in citizens' councils. You were instructed that the discontinuance of the program in no way altered the Bureau's responsibility of keeping interested Government agencies and officials advised of actual or contemplated acts of violence in connection with the segregation issue; plans for acts violative of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly those relating to civil rights; and the activities of individuals responsible for such acts.

The Bureau letter pointed out that you have a continuing responsibility to insure that the Bureau is apprised of all such information, and you were instructed to secure the information only through established sources, office contacts and close scrutiny of the public press.

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To date, the information developed concerning subject organization does not indicate this organization qualifies for investigation under the criteria of Section 122 of the Manual of Instructions, and in the absence of such information, no investigation should be conducted of this group.

In view of the integration of Chattanooga, Tennessee, schools this fall, you should follow the activities of this group through established sources, office contacts, and close scrutiny of the public press.

The information contained in referenced letterhead memorandum appears to be from established sources and public source material. Insure that no investigation is conducted which is contrary to the instructions set forth above concerning citizens' councils.

NOTE: Knoxville has submitted information concerning the formation of a Chattanooga Citizens Council. One of the moving forces of the Council is a [redacted] [redacted], a former Klansman. An organizational meeting occurred on July 24, 1962, and various Klan organizations made announcements to their members concerning this organization and its formation.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/2/62

FROM : SAC, Knoxville (157-153) (P)

SUBJECT: CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Knoxville airtel to Bureau 7/17/62.

Submitted herewith to the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, Knoxville, dated 8/2/62, in captioned matter.

Two copies are being submitted to Atlanta Division and copies have been disseminated locally to the intelligence agencies.

## INFORMANTS

| Identity of Source | File Where Located |
|---|---|
| T-1 is [redacted] | 157-143-1 |
| T-2 is [redacted] (RAC) | Instant Letterhead Memo |
| T-3 is [redacted] (RAC) | Instant Letterhead Memo and [redacted] |

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Sources for documentation of U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., are [redacted]

2 - Bureau (Enclosures - 8) (Registered Mail)
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4 - Knoxville (2 - 157-153; 1 - 100-3301; 1 - 100-1386)

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Sources for documentation of Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., are [redacted] (RAC) and [redacted] (RAC). b7D

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

Indices of the Knoxville Office fail to reflect any previous reference identifiable with [redacted] or MEDFORD EVANS.

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THE ATLANTA DIVISION:

Will check indices Atlanta Division regarding [redacted] contact racial informants and public sources for background information regarding [redacted] noting that he resides and is employed Rossville, Georgia.

Will submit results of the above in letterhead memorandum to the Bureau with copies to Knoxville for information.

THE KNOXVILLE DIVISION:

At Chattanooga, Tennessee, will follow and report activities instant organization and leaders through racial matter informants, sources of information and public sources.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Knoxville, Tennessee
August 2, 1962

CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

On July 17, 1962, Confidential Informant Knoxville T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information:

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Informant stated MEDFORD EVANS, Ph.D., who formerly taught English at University of Chattanooga, approximately 1942-1943, and who reportedly was later employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, came into Chattanooga approximately the first week of July,

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to organize this council. He stated [redacted] were reportedly well regarded in the Chattanooga area. He indicated EVANS, in the early 1940's, was a controversial figure in this area; however, could furnish no specific information concerning this statement, except to remark he was considered a "left wing" type individual in those days, and would not further elaborate on this statement.

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[redacted] The 1962 Chattanooga City Directory reflects [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee. [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee [redacted]

Informant advised he [redacted] information to this office in the event inquiry was received from the U. S. Attorney General concerning this organization. He said Attorney General EDWARD DAVIS, Hamilton County, made the statement this morning at the law enforcement commissions meeting that he would wire the U. S. Attorney General this date concerning this organization.

Informant desired that his name not be divulged, and stated he would make available a copy of the aforementioned announcement.

Informant also advised that MEDFORD EVANS is reportedly the present editor of an unknown newspaper in the State of Louisiana, name of city not known. Also he has been in the past employed as Dean of Men, McMurray College, Abileen, Texas, and after leaving the University of Chattanooga, approximately 1942-43, he was employed in an unknown capacity at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

An article appearing in the Chattanooga News-Free Press, a daily publication, Chattanooga, Tennessee, entitled, "Citizens' Unit Being Formed". This article is set forth as follows:

CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS COUNCIL

"CITIZENS' UNIT BEING FORMED

"Simmons Speaking At Opening Rally

"A man who has been described as the 'South's most sophisticated segregationist' is scheduled as main speaker Tuesday at 8 p.m. when Chattanoogan Citizens' Council stages an organizational rally at Read House's Continental Room.

"W. J. Simmons edits the Citizen, official publication of the Citizens' Councils of America. He will be joined at the meeting here by other CCA representatives including Louis Ellis, executive director, of Jackson and Dr. Medford Evans, former Atomic Energy Commission official and former University of Chattanooga faculty member.

"Mr. Simmons himself was educated in Mississippi and the University of Touraine in France, where he was studying when World War II erupted. He entered the British army and served in the West Indies.

"The Chattanooga Citizens' Council is being organized by a committee under the temporary chairmanship of Dr. John P. Hoover. Mrs. Willard Steele is serving as temporary secretary.

"Brochures Mailed

"Initial invitations from the committee to a selected list of citizens in the city were marked 'confidential.' However, during this past weekend 18,000 brochures urging CCA organization here were put in the mail.

"Dr. Hoover has said the meeting is an invitational session, but added the invitation is 'general to white residents who believe in segregation.'

"Mr. Simmons gained his 'most sophisticated segregationist' description from writers who have interviewed him. Among these writers have been John Bartlow Martin of the Saturday Evening Post, Huston Smith, Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor and author, and newspapermen who covered the original 'freedom rides' into Mississippi last year.

"The brochures mailed during the weekend carry the title 'Why Must Chattanoogans Organize' and present a series of questions and answers, all of them dealing with integration."

A number of individuals, Chattanooga, Tennessee, have reported to the FBI, Knoxville, the receipt of a pamphlet at Chattanooga which is set forth as follows:

"Why Must Chattanoogans Organize?

"Citizens' Councils
States' Rights -
Racial integrity

"Questions and Answers Regarding the Civic Duty of White Residents Of Chattanooga

"Prepared by
Organizing Committee
Chattanooga Citizens' Council

"Dr. John P. Hoover, Temporary Chairman
"Mrs. Willard Steele, Temporary Secretary

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"STATES' RIGHTS RACIAL INTEGRITY
"ORGANIZATION IS THE KEY TO POWER
"SHOULD IT BE LEFT TO A MINORITY?

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"Mr. and Mrs. Homeowner:

"It is your especial duty to attend the meeting July 24, 1962, in the Continental Room, Read House, Chattanooga, 8:00 P.M.

"REMEMBER -

"The Citizens' Council movement is the only nationwide organization dedicated to preserving the integrity of the white race!

"IT'S TIME TO TAKE A STAND!

"Be sure to attend the organizational meeting of YOUR

CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS'COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 24, 1962
THE READ HOUSE
8:00 p.m.

"SIGN AND MAIL THIS TODAY TO INDICATE YOUR INTEREST!
(An envelope is enclosed for your convenience)

"Mail to: Mrs. WILLARD STEELE
250 North Crest Road
Chattanooga 4, Tennessee

"☐ I will attend the Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 1962, at 8:00 P.M. in the Continental Room of the Read House in Chattanooga.

"☐ I will be unable to attend, but am interested in being a part of this organization. Please send a membership application.

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"Name..... Phone.....
City and
"Address..... State.....

"(Please use back of this sheet to list names and addresses of your friends and business associates who should be invited to join the Citizens' Council)

"WHY MUST CHATTANOOGA ORGANIZE?

"Q - Why do you say the white residents of Chattanooga must organize? Isn't that racism?

"A - Racism endangers our social order. By leaning over backward to avoid the race issue, white people promote racism among the colored.

"Q - Does colored racism affect Chattanooga?

"A - It is already upsetting public education. It is so strong politically that candidates for public office pointedly solicit the Negro vote on a racial basis, while decrying racism to whites.

"Q - How can this be explained?

"A - Organization. The NAACP is better organized and financed than any white group except the Citizens' Councils of the Deep South.

"Q - Don't the Citizens' Councils cause trouble?

"A - Citizens' Councils prevent trouble, if organized in time. They were organized earlier in Mississippi than anywhere else. Mississippi has had far less trouble than so-called 'moderate' states.

"Q - Isn't it too late to organize in Chattanooga?

"A - Often the question is: Isn't it too early? The answer is: It is neither too late nor too early. The conflict which has begun will be long drawn out. We have time to organize, but no time to lose.

"Q - Isn't Communism a bigger threat than integration?

"A - The number-one item on the agenda of the Communist Party in the United States is integration. If we do not fight integration, we do not fight what the Communists are doing. Communists promote revolutions of race relationships all around the world. In Asia and Africa they want to overthrow 'colonialism,' in Latin America 'Yankee imperialism', in the United States 'Jim Crow and Dixiecrats.' It is all the same thing to them--a revolution of world society.

"Q - Is the question local or global?

"A - The question as a whole is global, but it will be settled locally. Local actions have global consequences.

"Q - Is one group of citizens more important than another?

"A - The Communists think so. They say property is the key to society. Property-owners are always the first to suffer, and the ones to suffer most, in anything the Communists do. This goes for integration as well as for 'agrarian reform' or any other Communist program.

"Q - How does integration affect property values?

"A - 'Sit-ins' and other activities of integrationists damage business in many ways, and this affects property. But the two most obvious items are:

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"(1) Integration causes abuse or virtual abandonment of public parks and facilities, thus affecting all property in the city. (See an article in Look, July 3, 1962.)

"(2) Integration causes 'block-busting.' For a revealing report on what colored racism can do to home property values, see Saturday Evening Post, July 21, 1962.

"Integration is a chief cause of 'urban blight.'

"Q - Won't 'reverse freedom rides' transfer this whole problem to the North?

"A - 'Reverse freedom rides' are very educational, and show that the problem of integration is nation-wide. It hits the North hardest because the North does not have the Southern system. If we let the Southern system go, we will have the problem in its worst form. The South will continue to have the problem, and in segregation it also has the solution. The Citizens' Councils are organized to help the whole country through promotion of the successful Southern system.

"Q - What is the organizational basis of the Citizens' Councils?

"A - They are autonomous at the local level. Decisions as to membership, financing, and activities are made locally. They are associated together in the Citizens' Councils of America, a national organization which furnishes guidance and support.

"Q - What can I do?

"A - Come to the ORGANIZATIONAL RALLY, JULY 24, 1962, IN THE CONTINENTAL ROOM OF THE READ HOUSE, CHATTANOOGA. If you can't come to the rally, send for a membership application. Use the attached form. This is something you

can do for your country and your children. they have an interest in the value of your property, too. List below names of others who should also be invited."

Confidential Informant Knoxville T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [redacted]

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This informant on July 11, 1962, advised that at another regular [redacted]

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Confidential Informant Knoxville T-2, on July 25, 1962, advised that [redacted]

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Confidential Informant Knoxville T-2 advised he was not acquainted with [redacted] or MEDFORD EVANS.

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Confidential Informant Knoxville T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 24, 1962, advised that [redacted] residence [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee, [redacted] Georgia, was a [redacted] Rossville, Georgia, of the Association of Georgia Klans. He reportedly [redacted] of this organization during 1947 in a [redacted] Rossville, Georgia. At one of these [redacted] the members present. [redacted] reportedly stated, [redacted]. This informant advised that [redacted] was present and participated in an annual meeting of the Association of Georgia Klans at Stone Mountain, Georgia, during 1948. During this demonstration he became involved in an argument with other members of this organization from the State of South Carolina who reportedly "slapped" [redacted] around when he was taking pictures of the demonstration. The reason [redacted] reportedly was "slapped" was because the members from South Carolina did not know he was a member of the Association of Georgia Klan but believed him to be a newspaper reporter.

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This informant reported that in the late 1950's [redacted] was a member of the Rossville, Georgia, Klavern of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and that he [redacted] of this organization at Rossville, Georgia, under the leadership of [redacted] of the Rossville, Georgia, Klavern, this organization.

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This informant advised he had not received any information regarding [redacted] membership or any connection with Klan-type organizations since late 1950.

This informant reported the receipt of the following letter:

CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

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## APPENDIX

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U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, Inc. (TENNESSEE)

Source advised on October 12, 1956, that [redacted] organized a new klan group at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1953. This organization received a corporate charter in Georgia, in October 1955, under the name U. S. Klans. b6 b7C

Sources advised in October 1956, that the U. S. Klans has no affiliation with any previous klan group, but utilizes with minor changes the Klan Kloran or Ritual, written in about 1915 by WILLIAM JOSEPH SIMMONS and used by the now defunct Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (1915-1944). These sources advised the U. S. Klans has as its principal aims and objectives the promotion of Americanism, White Supremacy, and Segregation.

Source stated the aims, objectives and principals for all practical purposes are the same as those of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Sources stated that on numerous occasions [redacted] has announced objectives will be made through legal means and without violence. They advised klan officials expect to achieve objectives through strength in membership, thus insuring selection of public officials who are sympathetic with their views. b6 b7C

Sources advised in November 1956, that [redacted] and other individuals responsible for organizing the U. S. Klans are former officers and members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK). AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Sources advised in 1958 that the U. S. Klans continues as the principal klan in operation and is actively engaged in recruiting members in several Southern states. These informants advised that the U. S. Klans has made considerable progress within the past year in opening new units in the Southern states.

DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Confidential Sources advised it was announced at a meeting of Klavern #1, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on [redacted] that some former leaders of Klavern #1 and their close associates had been banished from U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., during the preceding week. b7D

Sources advised those individuals who were banished formed a new klan organization known as Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., with headquarters in Masonic Hall, 2523 Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Tennessee. A general welfare charter was secured from the State of Tennessee on October 21, 1957, which charter lists some of the purposes of the organization as freedom of speech and association, rejection of forced integration, preservation of the Constitutions of the United States and of Tennessee, and preservation of the sovereignty of each state.

On April 26, 1962, Source stated that the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., has active klaverns in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Virginia. This informant advised attempts were made to organize klaverns of this organization in Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina, but the attempts at organization in these states have not been successful.

A Confidential Source advised during fall of 1960 that a "den" of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, consisting of ten members and two alternates, including JACK WILLIAM BROWN, Imperial Wizard (National President) of DK, KKKK, Inc., [redacted] of Klavern #1, Chattanooga, Tennessee (the [redacted], and others, all listed as members of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, during July, August, and September, 1960, were reportedly responsible for five bombings of residences of Hamilton County, Tennessee, during July and August, 1960. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

These acts and meetings were reportedly closed and rank and file members of this organization unaware of such. All reported members and alternates of den interviewed during another investigation, denied knowledge of bombings or acts of violence, denied knowledge of "den" of DK, KKKK, Inc., and [redacted] in DK, KKKK, Inc. b7D.

Sources have reported [redacted]

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To: SAC, Atlanta (157-428)

From: Director, FBI REC-122 105-34237-24-27

CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: KNOXVILLE)

Reurlet 8-30-62, which enclosed a letterhead memorandum captioned [redacted]

Immediately resubmit referenced letterhead memorandum setting forth as a preamble information connecting [redacted] with the Chattanooga Citizens' Council. Letterhead memorandum should be captioned "Chattanooga Citizens' Council."

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The recipient of the present letterhead memorandum would have no way of telling that [redacted] was connected with the Chattanooga Citizens' Council.

This matter should receive your prompt attention. Dissemination is not being made of your letterhead memorandum at the Bureau.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/30/62

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-428) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: Knoxville)

Re Knoxville letter to Bureau 8/2/62.

Submitted herewith to Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memo, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 8/30/62 in captioned matter. 2 copies are being submitted to the Knoxville Division.

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On 8/8/62 the following informants were contacted and advised [redacted] was unknown to them:

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no designation
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For the information of the Knoxville Division report of SA THEODORE A. SANDERS dated 10/24/52, Knoxville, captioned "ASSOCIATED KLANS OF AMERICA, aka. Association of Georgia, Klans of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Ku Klux Klan, Security Matter - X," Knoxville file 100-1386 reflects on Page 10, that Knoxville informant T-1 furnished the name and address of [redacted] as appearing on a list containing names and addresses of persons who according to this informant were members of Chattanooga Klavern 317 between the period October, 1949, to December, 1950. Knoxville identified this informant as [redacted]

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*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Atlanta, Georgia
August 30, 1962

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Files of the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect Confidential Informant Atlanta T-1 advised in 1954 that [redacted], Georgia, filed an application dated August 2, 1951, for reinstatement in the Association of Georgia Klans.

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Title CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/22/62

FROM : SAC, Knoxville (157-153) (P)

SUBJECT: CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

ReBuairtel dated 8/14/62.

Submitted herewith to the Bureau are eight copies of amended letterhead memorandum in captioned matter.

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Bureau in referenced airtel noted that previous letterhead memorandum indicated the Chattanooga Citizens' Council stands for states' rights and racial integration and it was believed that this should read racial segregation. Amended letterhead memorandum which is enclosed, substitutes word "integrity" for word "integration" in previous memorandum. This correction based on printed announcement circulated by Chattanooga Citizens' Council prior to their meeting at Chattanooga on 7/24/62.

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*In Reply, Please Refer to*
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Knoxville, Tennessee
August 2, 1962

THIS IS MINIMIZED LETTERHEAD MEMO FOR SEP. 26
SEE SEP. 26 FOR INDEXING. TMB, 9/5/62

CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

On July 17, 1962, Confidential Informant Knoxville T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information:

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Informant stated MEDFORD EVANS, Ph.D., who formerly taught English at University of Chattanooga, approximately 1942-1943, and who reportedly was later employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, came into Chattanooga approximately the first week of July,

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to organize this council. He stated [redacted] and [redacted] were reportedly well regarded in the Chattanooga area. He indicated EVANS, in the early 1940's, was a controversial figure in this area; however, could furnish no specific information concerning this statement, except to remark he was considered a "left wing" type individual in those days, and would not further elaborate on this statement. b6 b7C

The 1962 Chattanooga City Directory reflects [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Informant advised he was furnishing the above information to this office in the event inquiry was received from the U. S. Attorney General concerning this organization. He said Attorney General EDWARD DAVIS, Hamilton County, made the statement this morning at the law enforcement commissions meeting that he would wire the U. S. Attorney General this date concerning this organization.

Informant desired that his name not be divulged, and stated he would make available a copy of the aforementioned announcement.

Informant also advised that MEDFORD EVANS is reportedly the present editor of an unknown newspaper in the State of Louisiana, name of city not known. Also he has been in the past employed as Dean of Men, McMurray College, Abileen, Texas, and after leaving the University of Chattanooga, approximately 1942-43, he was employed in an unknown capacity at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

An article appearing in the Chattanooga News-Free Press, a daily publication, Chattanooga, Tennessee, entitled, "Citizens' Unit Being Formed". This article is set forth as follows:

"CITIZENS' UNIT BEING
FORMED

"Simmons Speaking At
Opening Rally

"A man who has been described as the 'South's most sophisticated segregationist' is scheduled as main speaker Tuesday at 8 p.m. when Chattanoogan Citizens' Council stages an

organizational rally at Read House's Continental Room.

"W. J. Simmons edits the Citizen, official publication of the Citizens' Councils of America. He will be joined at the meeting here by other CCA representatives including Louis Hollis, executive director, of Jackson and Dr. Medford Evans, former Atomic Energy Commission official and former University of Chattanooga faculty member.

"Mr. Simmons himself was educated in Mississippi and the University of Touraine in France, where he was studying when World War II erupted. He entered the British army and served in the West Indies.

"The Chattanooga Citizens' Council is being organized by a committee under the temporary chairmanship of Dr. John P. Hoover. Mrs. Willard Steele is serving as temporary secretary.

"Brochures Mailed

"Initial invitations from the committee to a selected list of citizens in the city were marked 'confidential.' However, during this past week end 18,000 brochures urging CCA organization here were put in the mail.

"Dr. Hoover has said the meeting is an invitational session, but added the invitation is 'general to white residents who believe in segregation.'

"Mr. Simmons gained his 'most sophisticated segregationist' description from writers who have interviewed him. Among these writers have been John Bartlow Martin of the Saturday Evening Post, Huston Smith, Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor and author, and newspapermen who covered

the original 'freedom rides' into Mississippi last year.

"The brochures mailed during the weekend carry the title 'Why Must Chattanoogans Organize' and present a series of questions and answers, all of them dealing with integration."

A number of individuals, Chattanooga, Tennessee, have reported to the FBI, Knoxville, the receipt of a pamphlet at Chattanooga which is set forth as follows:

"Why Must Chattanoogans
Organize?

"Citizens' Councils
States' Rights -
Racial Integrity

"Questions and Answers Regarding
the Civic Duty of White Residents
Of Chattanooga

"Prepared by
Organizing Committee
Chattanooga Citizens'
Council

"Dr. John P. Hoover, Temporary Chairman
"Mrs. Willard Steele, Temporary Secretary

"STATES'RIGHTS RACIAL INTEGRITY
"ORGANIZATION IS THE KEY TO POWER
"SHOULD IT BE LEFT TO A MINORITY?

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"Mr. and Mrs. Homeowner:

"It is your especial duty to attend the meeting July 24, 1962, in the Continental Room, Read House, Chattanooga, 8:00 P.M.

CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

"REMEMBER -

"The Citizens' Council movement is the only nationwide organization dedicated to preserving the integrity of the white race!

"IT'S TIME TO TAKE A STAND!

"Be sure to attend the organizational meeting of YOUR

CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 24, 1962
THE READ HOUSE
8:00 P.M.

"SIGN AND MAIL THIS TODAY TO INDICATE YOUR INTEREST!
(An envelope is enclosed for your convenience)

"Mail to: Mrs. WILLARD STEELE
250 North Crest Road
Chattanooga 4, Tennessee

"/_/ I will attend the Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 1962, at 8:00 P.M. in the Continental Room of the Read House in Chattanooga.

"/_/ I will be unable to attend, but am interested in being a part of this organization. Please send a membership application.

"Name..... Phone.....
City and
"Address..... State.....

"(Please use back of this sheet to list names and addresses of your friends and business associates who should be invited to join the Citizens' Council)

"WHY MUST CHATTANOOGA ORGANIZE?

"Q - Why do you say the white residents of Chattanooga must organize? Isn't that racism?

"A - Racism endangers our social order. By leaning over backward to avoid the race issue, white people promote racism among the colored.

"Q - Does colored racism affect Chattanooga?

"A - It is already upsetting public education. It is so strong politically that candidates for public office pointedly solicit the Negro vote on a racial basis, while decrying racism to whites.

"Q - How can this be explained?

"A - Organization. The NAACP is better organized and financed than any white group except the Citizens' Councils of the Deep South.

"Q - Don't the Citizens Councils cause trouble?

"A - Citizens' Councils prevent trouble, if organized in time. They were organized earlier in Mississippi than anywhere else. Mississippi has had far less trouble than so-called 'moderate' states.

"Q - Isn't it too late to organize in Chattanooga?

"A - Often the question is: Isn't it too early? The answer is: It is neither too late nor too early. The conflict which has begun will be long drawn out. We have time to organize, but no time to lose.

"Q - Isn't Communism a bigger threat that integration?

"A - The number-one item on the agenda of the Communist Party in the United States is integration. If we do not fight integration, we do not fight what the Communists are doing. Communists promote revolutions of race relationships all around the world. In Asia and Africa they want to overthrow 'colonialism,' in Latin America 'Yankee imperialism', in the United States 'Jim Crow and Dixiecrats.' It is all the same thing to them--a revolution of world society.

"Q - Is the question local or global?

"A - The question as a whole is global, but it will be settled locally. Local actions have global consequences.

"Q - Is one group of citizens more important than another?

"A - The Communists think so. They say property is the key to society. Property-owners are always the first to suffer, and the ones to suffer most, in anything the Communists do. This goes for integration as well as for 'agrarian reform' or any other Communist program.

"Q - How does integration affect property values?

"A - 'Sit-ins' and other activities of integrationists damage business in many ways, and this affects property. But the two most obvious items are:

"(1) Integration causes abuse or virtual abandonment of public parks and facilities, thus affecting all property in the city. (See an article in Look July 3, 1962.)

"(2) Integration causes 'block-busting.' For a revealing report on what colored racism can do to home property values, see Saturday Evening Post, July 21, 1962.

"Integration is a chief cause of 'urban blight'.

"Q - Won't 'reverse freedom rides' transfer this whole problem to the North?

"A - 'Reverse freedom rides' are very educational, and show that the problem of integration is nation-wide. It hits the North hardest because the North does not have the Southern system. If we let the Southern system go, we will have the problem in its worst form. The South will continue to have the problem, and in segregation it also has the solution. The Citizens' Councils are organized to help the whole country through promotion of the successful Southern system.

"Q - What is the organizational basis of the Citizens' Councils?

"A - They are autonomous at the local level. Decisions as to membership, financing, and activities are made locally. They are associated together in the Citizens' Councils of America, a national organization which furnishes guidance and support.

"Q - What can I do?

"A - Come to the ORGANIZATIONAL RALLY, JULY 24, 1962, IN THE CONTINENTAL ROOM OF THE READ HOUSE, CHATTANOOGA. If you can't come to the rally, send for a membership application. Use the attached form. This is something you can do for your country and your children.

They have an interest in the value of your property, too. List below names of others who should also be invited."

Confidential Informant Knoxville T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [redacted]

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This informant on July 11, 1962, advised that at another regular [redacted]

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Confidential Informant Knoxville T-2, on July 25, 1962, advised that [redacted]

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Confidential Informant Knoxville T-2, advised he was not acquainted with [redacted] or MEDFORD EVANS.

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Confidential Informant Knoxville T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 24, 1962, advised that [redacted] residence [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee, [redacted] Georgia, was a [redacted]

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CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

[redacted] Rossville, Georgia, of the Association of Georgia Klans. He reportedly [redacted] of this organization during 1947 in a [redacted], Rossville, Georgia. At one of these [redacted] to the members present, [redacted] reportedly stated, [redacted] This informant advised that [redacted] was present and participated in an annual meeting of the Association of Georgia Klans at Stone Mountain, Georgia, during 1948. During this demonstration he became involved in an argument with other members of this organization from the State of South Carolina who reportedly "slapped" [redacted] around when he was taking pictures of the demonstration. The reason [redacted] reportedly was "slapped" was because the members from South Carolina did not know he was a member of the Association of Georgia Klan but believed him to be a newspaper reporter.

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This informant reported that in the late 1950's [redacted] was a member of the Rossville, Georgia, Klavern of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and that [redacted] of this organization at Rossville, Georgia, under the leadership of [redacted] of the Rossville, Georgia, Klavern, this organization.

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This informant advised he had not received any information regarding [redacted] membership or any connection with Klan-type organizations since late 1950.

This informant reported the receipt of the following letter:

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RE: CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: Knoxville)

CC TO: Cia
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Atlanta, Georgia
September 14, 1962

CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

An article appearing in the Chattanooga News-Free Press, a daily publication, Chattanooga, Tennessee, entitled "Citizens' Unit Being Formed" and literature which was mailed announced a meeting on July 24, 1962, at the Continental Room, Read House Hotel, Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the purpose of forming the Chattanooga Citizens Council. The newspaper article identified Dr. John P. Hoover as Temporary Chairman of the Committee and the literature announcing the meeting was signed "Dr. John Hoover, Temporary Chairman." The 1962 Chattanooga City Directory reflects Dr. John P. Hoover, Medical Doctor, resides at 662 South Crest Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and further reflects the Hoover Clinic is located at 211 Andrews Street, Rossville, Georgia.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/26/62

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-760) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

KNOXVILLE

Re Knoxville letter to Bureau, 8/3/62.

The records of the New Orleans Office reflect a call from the Bureau on January 5, 1959, concerning whether or not the contract of [redacted] would be renewed by Northwestern State College at Natchitoches, Louisiana.

On January 7, 1959, [redacted] of Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, had advised that the question of the contract with [redacted] had been discussed but that no definite decision had been reached as to whether or not his contract would be renewed for the coming year. He advised at that time that [redacted] specialty was in [redacted] and that he had received a [redacted] He was at that time employed as [redacted] Section of the college and was teaching out of his field according to [redacted]

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At that time [redacted] had advised that he had the highest regard for [redacted] integrity and loyalty and advised that [redacted] had written a book entitled [redacted].

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The above information was furnished to the Bureau on January 7, 1959, however, it was not known why the inquiry was being made concerning [redacted] at that time.

On September 19, 1962, [redacted] former [redacted] Louisiana, advised that [redacted] is a member of the John Birch Society and that he was regarded in Natchitoches as a "radical." He stated that [redacted] was a staunch segregationist and he would always bring segregation and Communism in any conversation which he struck up.

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[redacted] stated while in Natchitoches, [redacted] a Sunday School at the Methodist Church and that he would always bring communism and segregation into his Sunday School lesson. He advised that [redacted] was not connected with any newspaper while in the Natchitoches area to his knowledge.

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[redacted] advised that he did not know where [redacted] went when he left Natchitoches, Louisiana, but believed he was somewhere around Washington, D.C., however he was not positive of this information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-24) DATE: 10/1/62

FROM : SAC, Knoxville (157-36)

SUBJECT: KNOXVILLE CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memo.

The Special Agent of the FBI referred to in enclosed memo is SA [redacted] who received instant letter at his address, [redacted] Tennessee, which letter was merely addressed to "Occupant". b6 b7C

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Refer to

Knoxville, Tennessee
October 1, 1962

KNOXVILLE CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

A Special Agent of the FBI advised that on September 24, 1962, he received a letter sent through the mails and postmarked September 23, 1962, at Knoxville, Tennessee. This letter bore his residence address in Knoxville, but was addressed solely to "Occupant".

The letter was a printed letter bearing the letterhead of "Knoxville Citizens' Council, Organizational Committee, 707 Market Street, Knoxville, Tennessee". In the left corner appeared a printed seal "Citizens' Council, States Rights, Racial Integrity". The word "Confidential" was printed beneath the letterhead. This letter read as follows:

"Dear Fellow Citizen:

The leaders of several Knoxville patriotic groups, concerned about the menace of racial integration which has invaded and now further threatens our city, have been meeting together to find a solution to this problem.

We must not surrender by default! These leaders believe the best answer to our problem is ONE STRONG

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ORGANIZATION in greater Knoxville to stop those who would surrender our Constitutional rights. We believe you share this concern and understand the hazard now confronting all of us in Knoxville. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On Thursday evening, September 27, there will be a meeting in the Colonial Room at the Farragut Hotel at 8:00 p.m. Your presence at this meeting will be of great value in the effort to maintain the social security and economic future of ourselves, our children and future generations.

At this meeting, a KNOXVILLE CITIZENS' COUNCIL will be organized. It will be affiliated with the Citizens' Councils of America, a national pro-segregation organization which has been highly successful in many states.

The strong stand of Governor Barnett who recently repeated his campaign pledge that "NO SCHOOL WILL BE INTEGRATED IN MISSISSIPPI WHILE I AM GOVERNOR" has aroused the admiration of Americans everywhere. Governor Barnett is a charter member of the Citizens' Council.

The three candidates for governor of Tennessee have been invited to speak at our organization meeting on September 27. At least one candidate has already accepted. Come and hear what they have to say about Constitutional government and racial integrity.

Kindly take a moment--NOW--to indicate on the bottom of this letter whether you are planning to attend our first meeting. Detach your reply and mail it in the enclosed envelope. Please make every effort to attend--and bring your family and friends! We will be looking forward to seeing you on September 27th.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

Organizational Committee
KNOXVILLE CITIZENS' COUNCIL"

KNOXVILLE CITIZENS' COUNCIL

The lower portion of the above letter contained a printed form to be mailed indicating whether or not the person received the letter, would attend the meeting, would be unable to attend but interested in the organization, or not interested in the movement. The last two lines of the printed page contained this statement "OUR NATION'S SURVIVAL AS A REPUBLIC OF SOVEREIGN STATES DEPENDS ON WHAT WE DO IN THIS CRISIS" Governor Ross R. Barnett of Mississippi, September 13, 1962".

The 1962 Knoxville Telephone Directory lists

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-24) DATE: 10/12/62

FROM SAC, Knoxville (157-36)

SUBJECT: KNOXVILLE CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Knoxville letter to Bureau 10/1/62 enclosing letterhead memo.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memo.

A copy of this letterhead memo is being designated for New Orleans and Memphis since it is reported persons from the area of Jackson, Mississippi, aided in the organizing in Knoxville.

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

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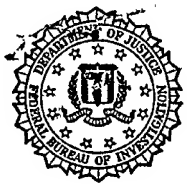

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Knoxville, Tennessee
October 12, 1962

KNOXVILLE CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The Knoxville News-Sentinel, Knoxville, Tennessee, a daily publication, in the home edition issue of September 28, 1962, reported that a Knoxville Citizens' Council was organized in Knoxville on the night of September 27, 1962, by two segregation leaders from Jackson, Mississippi. The article reported that approximately 80 persons attended the meeting at the Farragut Hotel and that local Attorney BOYD W. COX was temporary Chairman. A portion of the group present were reported to have signed membership cards. It was reported that attending the meeting and speaking in favor of segregation were E. B. BOWLES, independent candidate for Governor from Knoxville, and HUBERT PATTY from Maryville, Tennessee, Republican nominee for Governor.

According to the newspaper article, the organizing was conducted by LOUIS W. HOLLIS, Jackson, Mississippi, executive Director of the Citizens' Council of America. It was reported HOLLIS is a Colonel on the staff of Governor ROSS BARNETT of Mississippi. Assisting HOLLIS was MEDFORD EVANS, reported to be formerly an instructor at the University of Chattanooga and now of Jackson, Mississippi. The acting secretary of the Knoxville organization was reported to be JOHN KISER of Louisville, Tennessee. It was reported the group by resolution condemned Federal intervention in Mississippi's efforts

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to preserve segregation at the University of Mississippi and lauded Governor BARNETT. It was reported the organization would elect permanent officers in a meeting to be held October 25, 1962.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 10/10/62

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (157-277) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ~~CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS' COUNCIL~~
RACIAL MATTERS Chattanooga, Tenn.
(OO-Knoxville)

105-34237-24-25

RE: Knoxville letter to the Bureau dated 8/3/62.

Enclosed for the assistance of Dallas is one copy of referenced Knoxville letter.

Enclosed for Knoxville is one copy of report of SA ROSS D. WOLCOTT dated 7/30/47 at Houston, Texas, captioned "MEDFORD BRYAN EVANS, AEAE."

Referenced Knoxville letter requested background investigation concerning one MEDFORD EVANS, who formerly taught English at the University of Chattanooga, and was reportedly employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Knoxville reported this individual was also employed in the past as Dean of Men, McMurrary College, Aberdeen, Texas.

For the information of Knoxville, McMurry College is located at Abilene, Texas, in the territory of the Dallas Office.

Indices of the Houston Office contain one reference to the name MEDFORD BRYAN EVANS, who is apparently identical with the individual under investigation by Knoxville. This reference pertains to an Atomic Energy Act investigation requested 7/1/47 by the Bureau (Bureau File 116-16338), Knoxville being the principal office in that investigation.

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Very limited investigation was conducted at that time by the Houston Office inasmuch as subject resided only one year in the territory of the Houston Office, at Kingsville, Texas, during the school year 1933 - 1934. Inasmuch as subject has apparently not resided in the Houston territory for the past 28 years, current informants and sources of information have not been contacted by the Houston Office. One copy of the Houston report covering all investigation previously conducted by the Houston Office is being furnished for the information of Knoxville.

The Knoxville Office may desire to request the Bureau to furnish copies of all investigation conducted under the AEA classification.

## LEADS

### DALLAS:

#### AT ABILENE, TEXAS:

Will contact any available established sources at McMurry College in accordance with the request of the Knoxville Office.

#### AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

Will check office indices and, if MEDFORD EVANS has resided in the Dallas territory in recent years, will check appropriate informants and sources in accordance with Knoxville's request.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/20/62

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-207)(RUC)

SUBJECT: CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS'COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

OO - Knoxville

Re Houston letter to Bureau, 10/10/62.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] 11/2/62 at McMurry College: [redacted]

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[redacted] McMurry College, advised Dr. MEDFORD EVANS occupied the position of Administrative Dean at McMurry from 9/1/53 to 10/15/54. A portion of Dr. EVANS' duties consisted of supervision over college professors. He had the reputation of being a dictatorial individual who had fixed opinions on most every subject. [redacted] described Dr. EVANS as being overzealous in his self-fought battle against communism. Dr. EVANS was constantly bringing up the subjectoof Communism at various meetings and debates when the situation did not call for it. It was because of his overzealous actions against communism that the officials at McMurry College released him from his position. [redacted] described Dr. EVANS as being an energetic individual who if given a chance would project all of his energy into any direction in order to further a cause. He classified Dr. EVANS as being a conservative. He did not know of any clubs or associations with which Dr. EVANS was associated while he was in Abilene. He does not recall that Dr. EVANS expressed any interest or offer any opinions concerning racial matters while in Abilene.

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[redacted] recalled that Dr. EVANS became associated with the Facts Forum group in Dallas after leaving McMurry College. He classified Dr. EVANS as being a loyal American citizen on the basis of his contact with him during 1953 and 1954.

[redacted] McMurry College, advised he was not on the campus at the time Dr. EVANS occupied the position of Academic Dean. He had heard from fellow instructors that Dr. EVANS was very dictatorial in his dealings with fellow instructors. He had also heard that Dr. EVANS was overzealous in his feelings against communism and was constantly on "witch hunts" for communists while in Abilene.

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It should be noted that Facts Forum was an organization founded by former Bureau agent DAN SMOOT and was anti-communist in nature.

Former [redacted] (RAC) and former [redacted] (RAC) advised that EVANS is unknown to them. b6 b7C

Dallas Office indices reflect no other information concerning EVANS other than his being [redacted] in Abilene, Texas.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 12/4/62

FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-122)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

The following information concerning Citizens Councils in Knoxville Division is being set forth under appropriate captions as requested in Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 11/20/62.

1. COUNCILS

There are two Citizens Councils known to have been formed in the Knoxville Division.

The Chattanooga Citizens Council was formed at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 7/24/62. (Bufile 105-34237-24; KX file 157-153) The Knoxville Office has a Resident Agency located at Chattanooga, Tennessee. The approximate membership of this council is unknown.

A Knoxville Citizens Council was reported organized in Knoxville, Tennessee, on 9/27/62 (Bufile 105-34237-24; KX file 157-36). It was reported in the local press temporary officers were elected and that permanent officers would be elected at future meetings to be held in October, 1962; however, no information has been received from contacts or established sources indicating a subsequent meeting was ever held and that the organization is actually an active one. An article appearing in the local press indicated approximately eighty persons attended this meeting; however, an established source reported that the meeting did not appear to have been a successful one and that approximately twenty-five to thirty members were in attendance, and due to the small number in attendance

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the subsequent meeting in October, 1962, was scheduled. The source stated he has received no information indicating the meeting in October, 1962, was actually ever held.

2. LEADERS

When announcements were made concerning the formation of the Chattanooga Citizens Council, the [redacted] was designated as [redacted] and [redacted] as [redacted]. A newspaper article dated 8/22/62, set forth the elected officers at a meeting of the Chattanooga Citizens Council on 8/21/62, as follows:

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Dr. JOHN P. HOOVER, President

LLOYD SLIGER, Vice President

GEORGE PALMER, Ringgold, Georgia, Secretary

Mrs. WALLACE W. CASH, Treasurer

Rev. BILLY DEAN, Committee Chairman, Membership and Finance

Mrs. WILLARD STEELE, Information and Education

DON MOORE, Jr., Public Affairs

WADE H. LEONARD, Legal Advisory Committee

The 1962 Chattanooga City Directory reflects Dr. JOHN P. HOOVER, M.D., Hoover Clinic, 211 Andrews Street, Rossville, Georgia, resides 662 South Crest Road, Rossville, TENN Georgia.

1962 Chattanooga City Directory lists LLOYD T. SLIGER, wife LAURA C., residence 109 Woodlawn Drive, business CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

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LLOYD T. SLIGER Realty, located 713 Walnut Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1962 Chattanooga City Directory lists GEORGE V. PALMER, wife VIRGINIA L., residence Route 1, Ringgold, Georgia, occupation plate maker, Target Printing and Lithographing Company, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1962 Chattanooga City Directory lists RUTH F. CASH, wife of WALLACE W. CASH, residing 1616 Hixson Pike, Chattanooga, Tennessee, no employment for RUTH F. CASH. WALLACE W. CASH employed as a salesman and manager of Target Printing and Lithographing Company, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1962 Chattanooga City Directory lists Rev. BILLY H. DEAN, wife JO W., as residing 1637 John Ross Road, East Ridge, Hamilton County, Tennessee, pastor of the Philadelphia Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1962 Chattanooga City Directory lists KATE H. STEELE, wife of Dr. WILLARD H. STEELE, M.D., residing 250 North Crest Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee. KATE H. STEELE unemployed. Her husband self-employed as a Medical Doctor in Medicine and Surgery, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, office 540 McCallie Avenue, Suite 107, Interstate Life Building, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1962 Chattanooga City Directory lists DON MOORE, Jr., wife SARAH M., residence 1318 Radmoor Circle, Chattanooga, Tennessee, an attorney in the law firm of Moore and Wild. MOORE, former State Legislator, from Hamilton County, Tennessee.

1962 Chattanooga City Directory lists WADE H. LEONARD, attorney, rooms at the YMCA, Chattanooga, Tennessee, law office 205 Stansbury Building, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Newspaper article appeared in the Chattanooga Daily Times, a daily publication at Chattanooga, Tennessee, 8/22/62, concerning the meeting of an election of officers,

Chattanooga Citizens Council, 8/21/62, advised consultants to the new organization were LOUIS W. HOLLIS, Jackson, Mississippi, Executive Director of the Citizens Councils of America, and Dr. MEDFORD EVANS, Consultant to the new organization.

A search of the indices of the Knoxville Office does not reflect that any of the above individuals have been the subject of an investigation by this office, with one exception.

Informant identified MEDFORD EVANS as a former faculty member of the University of Chattanooga, and also later employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The file of the Knoxville Office reflect that one MEDFORD BRYAN EVANS, a resident of Chattanooga in 1947, and a former faculty member of the University of Chattanooga, was investigated in 1947 for possible employment with United States Atomic Energy Commission, under the caption "MEDFORD BRYAN EVANS - 1, ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - EMPLOYEE (Bufile 116-16338; KX file 116-3238)." Additional information concerning MEDFORD EVANS was submitted by the Dallas Office (DALLAS file 157-207; Bufile not listed) by letter to the Director 11/20/62, entitled "CHATTANOOGA CITIZENS COUNCIL - RACIAL MATTERS". This Dallas letter to the Director referenced a Houston letter to Bureau, dated 10/10/62.

At the time the Knoxville Citizens Council, Knoxville, Tennessee, was formed it was reported that [redacted] and that [redacted] Louisville, Tennessee, was [redacted] of the organization. A news article reported that LOUIS W. HOLLIS, Jackson, Mississippi, described as Executive Director of the Citizens' Councils of America, and a colonel on the staff of Mississippi Governor ROSS BARNETT, conducted the organizing, assisted by MEDFORD EVANS, described as a former instructor at the University of Chattanooga and now at Jackson (Mississippi). Information concerning MEDFORD EVANS has been set forth above.

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The files of the Knoxville Office do not reflect that [redacted] or anyone identifiable with [redacted] have

been the subject of an investigation by the Knoxville Office.

The 1962 City Directory reflects [redacted] with offices at [redacted] Knoxville, and resides at [redacted], Knoxville, Tennessee. [redacted] (RAC) described [redacted] as a small time politician and "not too successful" [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

The 1962 City Directory reflects that one [redacted] Louisville, Tennessee (a rural suburb of Knoxville), is connected with the Kiser Electric Company, 1715 Western Avenue, Knoxville. It should be noted it is not known whether this individual is identical with the [redacted] reported as [redacted] of the Knoxville Citizens Council; however, the City Directory does not list any other individual by this name with residence at Louisville, Tennessee. b6 b7C

It is to be noted no information has been received from sources reflecting that this organization has held any subsequent meetings and elected any permanent officers.

3. COVERAGE OF COUNCILS

With reference to the Chattanooga Citizens Council, [redacted] (RAC) and [redacted] (RAC) have been [redacted] this organization and to attend meetings. [redacted] (RAC) personally knows a [redacted] of the Chattanooga Citizens Council, talks to them on the telephone, and corresponds with them; he has not attended any meetings but, through the above methods, he is able to furnish information regarding this organization. [redacted] (RAC) is not a member and has not joined the organization, but he has attended one meeting held on [redacted] and furnished information regarding this meeting. b7D

Information concerning the Knoxville Citizens Council has been followed through an established source [redacted] at the hotel where the organizing meeting was held. [redacted] (RAC) advised b6 b7C b7D

that he is acquainted with [redacted] and that he will furnish any information coming to his attention concerning the activities of the Knoxville Citizens Council, should it become active. b6 b7C

4. POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE

No information has come to the attention of the Knoxville Division regarding potential for violence of the Chattanooga Citizens Council. [redacted] (RAC) has previously furnished information to the effect that [redacted] the Chattanooga Citizens Council, was a member during 1947 of Klavern #311, Rossville, Georgia, of the Association of Georgia Klans. He reportedly attended several closed meetings of this organization during 1947 at Rossville, Georgia. The information was also reported by informant that in the late 1950's, [redacted] was a member of the Rossville, Georgia Klavern of the United States Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and that he attended some regular closed meetings of this organization at Rossville. The informant advised that he has not received any information concerning [redacted] membership in any klan-type organization or in connection with any klan-type organization since late 1950. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] (RAC) advised that at regular closed meetings of the Klaverns of the Dixie Klan, Knights of Ku Klux Klan, Inc. at Chattanooga, Tennessee, [redacted] and other leaders, urged members of this organization to join the Chattanooga Citizens Council and to participate in its activities. Informant stated that at a meeting of the Chattanooga Citizens Council on [redacted] was present and appeared friendly with the speakers; however, he did not appear on the speakers stand. He stated that approximately 30 members of the Dixie Klan, Knights of Ku Klux Klan, Inc. were recognized by informant as being present at this meeting of approximately 250 to 300 members. No information has been received that any Klan leaders or present officials of Klan organizations are operating in any leadership b6 b7C b7D

capacity in any way with the Chattanooga Citizens Council.

With reference to Knoxville Citizens Council, no information has been received indicating this group has any potential for violence in connection with racial issues. There is no indication that any klan or hate group in the Knoxville area was instrumental in organizing the Knoxville Citizens Council or has engaged in any activities in this connection.

It is to be noted that the Chattanooga Citizens Council and the Knoxville Citizens Council are reported to be affiliates of the Citizens' Council of America.

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Date: 12/21/65

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED
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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-New)

CITIZENS COUNCILS - KNOXVILLE

PROPOSED MEETING OF UNKNOWN ORGANIZATION AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS WEEKEND OF 1/7-9/66, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for recipient offices two copies each of an LHM concerning captioned matter.

Source utilized in LHM is [redacted] who has requested his identity be protected and kept confidential. b6 b7C b7D

It is to be noted that [redacted] is being considered by the Detroit Division for development as a possible racial informant in view of the fact that he has supplied considerable information concerning activities of American Nazi Party (ANP) and other ultra-conservative groups.

On 12/8, 10 and 17/65, [redacted] advised that he heard that an unknown group or groups was planning to hold a meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the weekend following the first of the year, 1966. According to [redacted] he received the above information from [redacted] Riverdale, Mich. According to [redacted] he does not know the purpose of this meeting in Chattanooga but it was his opinion based on talking with [redacted]

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that the above group were apparently meeting to organize a new organization consisting of anti-Negro groups opposing integration.

For the information of the Bureau and receiving offices, [redacted] Detroit file 100-30647, is currently under investigation by the Detroit Division under the character Racial Matters in view of the fact that [redacted] ANP, has in the past visited with [redacted]. It is to be noted that [redacted] was last reported at [redacted] residence on the evening of 12/8/65.

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LEADS

KNOXVILLE

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Attempt to contact logical sources in an effort to determine organization or group reportedly planning to meet for weekend of 1/7-9/66.

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AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Requested to discreetly contact logical ANP sources in effort to determine if ANP and/or members plan to attend proposed meeting, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

ADDENDUM

On 12/21/65, [redacted] advised that he plans to attend the above meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and that his plans at the present time are to drive or fly to Chattanooga, Tennessee, with [redacted] mentioned above. It is to be noted that [redacted] at Riverdale, Michigan.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Detroit, Michigan
December 21, 1965

Re: Proposed Meeting of Unknown Organization and/or Organizations Weekend of January 7-9, 1966, Chattanooga, Tennessee

On December 8 and 10, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he recently learned that a group or organization, the name which is unknown to him but described as being ultra-conservative, is planning to hold a meeting the weekend of January 7-9, 1966, at Chattanooga, Tennessee. According to source, he heard that such people as General Walker from Texas and Governors Wallace and Barnett from Alabama and Mississippi are reportedly some of the individuals who are to attend this affair and speak at it.

Source was recontacted on December 17, 1965, and advised that he still does not know the name of the group or organization planning this meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Source further advised that it was his opinion based on conversation with ultra-conservative individuals in the Detroit area that the above meeting may be a group or groups of individuals from various "right-wing" organizations opposing integration in the South as well as the North.

Source stated that it is believed that the above meeting is being held either to form a new anti-Negro group or to coordinate existing anti-Negro groups and persons opposing integration.

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED
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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-1161) (P)

PROPOSED MEETING OF UNKNOWN ORGANIZATION [redacted]
AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS WEEKEND OF
1/7-9/66, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE
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Re Detroit airtel to Bureau, 12/21/65, captioned as above.

On 12/23/65, [redacted] who requested his identity be protected and who is being considered by the Detroit Division as possible racial informant, advised that in regards to the proposed meeting mentioned in referenced airtel to be held 1/7-9/66, Chattanooga, Tennessee, ascertained the following additional information:

[redacted] states that in conversation with [redacted] Riverdale, Mich., on this date, he ascertained more information concerning the above-proposed meeting. [redacted] states [redacted] advised that the above meeting is going to be held at the Reed House Hotel, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and is being sponsored by what [redacted] thinks is a group called the White Citizen's Council.

It is to be noted that [redacted] advised that he still intends to attend the above meeting at Chattanooga and will advise this office results of this meeting.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-765) (RUC)

PROPOSED MEETING OF UNKNOWN ORGANIZATION
AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS WEEKEND OF
1/7-9/66, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE
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Re Detroit airtel to the Director, FBI, 12/21/65, and Knoxville letter to the Director, FBI, dated 12/23/65, entitled, "CITIZENS COUNCILS OF AMERICA, INC.," RM, OO: Jackson, Bufile 105-34237, with LHM as an enclosure.

Enclosed for the Detroit Division are two copies of captioned Knoxville communication to the Bureau. Enclosed for the Jackson Division are two copies of the Detroit airtel to the Bureau with LHM enclosures.

The attention of the Bureau is directed to the Knoxville LHM of 12/23/65, which reflects that Chattanooga, Tennessee has been selected as the site of the Eleventh Annual Leadership Conference of the Citizens' Councils of America on January 7 and 8, 1966. It would appear that this is the meeting referred to by the Detroit source.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-153)

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Submitted herewith to the Bureau are 3 copies of a newspaper article which appeared in 1/3/66 issue of Chattanooga News-Free Press, Chattanooga, Tennessee, a daily publication, entitled "Citizens Council Leadership Parley to Hear Dr. Oliver". 3 copies submitted Jackson Division for information.

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# Citizens Council Leadership Parley to Hear Dr. Oliver

## Professor Outspoken Against Communism

Dr. Revilo Pendleton Oliver, professor of the classics at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., will be the principal speaker Friday at a banquet concluding the first day's program of the 11th annual leadership conference of the Citizens Councils of America.

Dr. Oliver's subject is to be "Can Liberals Be Educated?" It is part of a program centered around the theme of "How Can We Educate Our Children?" which will dominate the two-day meeting at the Read House here.

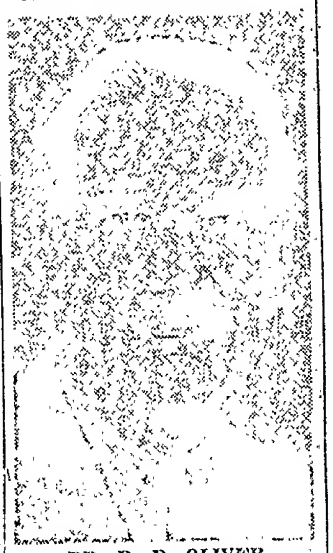
Dr. Oliver will be introduced by Dr. Medford Evans, author and lecturer and former University of Chattanooga professor. Roy V. Harris will preside at the banquet, Dr. J. Park McCallie will preside at the banquet, Dr. J. Park McCallie will give the invocation, and Prentice Cooper, former governor of Tennessee, will welcome to the state those attending the convention.

The evening session will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets to the banquet are $10 each and tickets to the full two-day program, including a luncheon Saturday, are $25.

### 'SPEAKS OUT'

Dr. Oliver is described as one of the few college professors speaking out publicly against communism. During World War II he was director of research in a secret agency of the War Department and it was here that his attention was first called to the magnitude of Communist penetration in this country, material furnished by the Citizens Councils says.

Information acquired in his wartime position has enabled him to follow the progress of the Communist conquest of the world abroad and of the Communist conspiracy at home, it is explained.



DR. R. P. OLIVER

To expose the Communist conspiracy he has written many book reviews and articles in periodicals such as "American Opinion," in which he has been writing the monthly "Review of Reviews," "Modern Age," "American Progress," "Free Enterprise," "Christian Economics," the "National Review," and "Nation's Business," in which, as long ago as 1934, in two articles, he attacked agencies of the New Deal as socialistic.

A native of Texas, he attended high schools in Illinois and California, is a graduate of Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., and holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois.

For many years he has taught almost entirely graduate students in classical philology and for a number of those years he has also taught graduate courses in Spanish and Italian.

In 1953-54 he spent a year in Italy on a Fulbright Research Fellowship exploring Renaissance manuscripts in Italian libraries.

His published works include the translation of a Sanskrit work, "Mrechatkatika" ("The Little Clay Cart").

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TODAYS CONVENTION CAPTION ORGANIZATION, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., CONCLUDED THIS AFTERNOON. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES RE MEETING FOLLOW.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-153)

CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF AMERICA, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: JACKSON)

Re Knoxville airtel to Bureau 1/11/66.

Submitted herewith to the Bureau are three copies of a newspaper article which appeared in the Chattanooga News-Free Press, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1/10/66, entitled "Race Equality Claim Denied". Three copies of each of the above article are submitted herewith to the Jackson Division for information.

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RACE EQUALITY

# CLAIM DENIED

## Patterson Says Mix Harmful to Schools

"Telling the Negro he is just a black white man in the and does the Negro injury," Robert B. Patterson, secretary of the Citizens' Councils of America, said here Saturday.

Mr. Patterson's talk concluded the two-day eleventh annual leadership conference, held at the Read House, which brought more than 300 Citizens' Council leaders and educators here from places as far away as California.

Declaring that the welfare of the nation is threatened by propaganda that all men are equal and there is no difference between the races except color, he said, "many of us don't dispute the equality of the Negro in the sight of God, nor that he should receive equal justice under the law, but we do insist that the white man and the Negro are not equal in all respects.

"We see no reason to destroy the public school system because some do-gooders like to think they are equal in all respects." The reference to the school system was in line with the theme of the conference at which other speakers predicted the downfall of the public school system under forced integration and the successful rise of private schools.

Mr. Patterson said the average Negro intelligence quotient was less than the average white intelligence score and "many Southerners look on with horror" as federal registrars force voter registration of illiterates. Noting that voter registration lists are often used for selection of jury lists, he asked, "Who among you would want to be tried by a jury of illiterates?"

PRIVATE SCHOOL OPENED

Other speakers included Dr. Charles Neill Robinson, Mis-

Citizens' Council School No. 1, a private school, was established at Jackson. He said 90 persons contributed $100 each to buy an old residence and tuition was set at $375 a year.

Dan H. Shell, attorney and secretary of the Jackson Council School Foundation, said the school receives tuition grants from the state but added that they might have to be abandoned "because of the long tentacles of the federal government."

Dr. William S. Milburn, former principal of Male High School, Louisville, Ky., and past president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, predicted "private schools are going to take over where public schools have failed."

After 40 years in public school education, he said, he was saddened to see such a thing happen.

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